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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**  
2                   **TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007, BEGINS ON PAGE 113.]**

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES  
7 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOW IN SESSION. ASK EVERYONE TO  
8 RISE FOR THE INVOCATION FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE  
9 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR GLEN GIBSON OF-- SORRY.  
10 PASTOR GLEN GIBSON OF THE NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH IN  
11 DUARTE AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY ROBERT  
12 SAXON FROM THE OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. PASTOR  
13 GIBSON?

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15   **PASTOR GLEN GIBSON:** LET'S PRAY. GOD OF MERCY AND GRACE AND  
16 JUSTICE, WE COME TO YOU THIS MORNING, MINDFUL OF YOUR  
17 BLESSINGS, MINDFUL THAT YOU ARE THE LORD OF ALL OF LIFE. AND  
18 WE COME BEFORE HUMBLY BEFORE YOU ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR GREATNESS.  
19 WE COME ALSO ASKING FOR YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THIS PEOPLE, UPON  
20 THIS MEETING THIS MORNING. WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD POUR OUT YOUR  
21 GRACE AND BLESSING UPON THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR  
22 PROTECTION, FOR SAFETY. WE ASK ALSO THAT YOU WOULD GRANT  
23 WISDOM AND DIRECTION TO OUR LEADERS IN THE CHOICES AND  
24 DECISIONS THAT THEY MAKE, THAT THEY WOULD ENACT LAWS AND  
25 MEASURES AND PROVIDE LAWS TO GUIDE YOUR PEOPLE FOR PROTECTION.



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1 WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD DO ALL THESE THINGS FOR THE GOOD OF YOUR  
2 PEOPLE TO BRING PEACE AND HARMONY AMONG US. WE ASK THESE  
3 THINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN.

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5 **ROBERT SAXON:** PLEASE FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [  
6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PASTOR GIBSON, WE WERE LED IN THE  
9 INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY PASTOR GLEN GIBSON WHO RECEIVED HIS  
10 BACHELOR OF ARTS AND RELIGION FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE  
11 AND EARNED HIS MASTER'S IN THEOLOGY AND BIBLICAL STUDIES FROM  
12 THE FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. PASTOR GIBSON HAS SERVED AS  
13 SENIOR PASTOR FOR NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD SINCE JULY 1993 AND  
14 IS PRESIDENT OF THE DUARTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND CLERGY  
15 ASSOCIATION FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. PASTOR GIBSON HAS LED  
16 HIS CHURCH IN SERVING THROUGH VARIOUS PROJECTS AND HE'S A  
17 MEMBER OF THE DUARTE INTERVENTION TEAM WHICH IS COMPRISED OF  
18 CIVIC EDUCATIONAL RELIGIOUS AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS TO  
19 REDUCE GANG-RELATED VIOLENCE IN THE AREA. PASTOR, THANK YOU  
20 FOR YOUR INVOCATION, FOR COMING DOWN THIS MORNING. [ APPLAUSE  
21 ]

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR  
24 ANTONOVICH, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE-- WHO IS NOT HERE THIS  
25 MORNING. DUARTE IS IN HIS DISTRICT AND WE ALSO WANT TO THANK





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1 ROBERT SAXON FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. READY  
2 TO GO WITH THE AGENDA?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** READY. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS  
5 OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2,  
6 PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON  
7 THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
8 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2007.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
13 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.  
16 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
19 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.  
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15.  
25 ON ITEM 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO



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1 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A  
2 PRESENTATION. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT  
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS NUMBER 6 AND 7, SUPERVISOR  
4 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
5 JULY 24TH, 2007, AND, ON ITEM NUMBER 15, MY OFFICE REQUESTS  
6 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 24TH, 2007.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON THE REMAINDER, KNABE  
9 MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE OTHERS WILL BE  
10 CONTINUED AS YOU ARTICULATED THEM.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND HELD. CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 16  
13 THROUGH 73. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, WE WILL CONTINUE THIS FOR ONE  
14 WEEK DUE TO A LACK OF FOUR VOTES. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THE CHIEF  
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
16 WEEK TO JULY 24TH, 2007. AND ALSO, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HOLD IT FOR A DISCUSSION. I  
20 WANT TO DISCUSS IT AND MAYBE DIVIDE THE QUESTION. I THINK  
21 THEY'RE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES HERE, SO WE'LL HOLD IT. NEXT ITEM.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 18, THIS ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR  
24 KNABE'S RECOMMENDATION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
25 AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, THE ACTUAL APPOINTMENT DATE WILL BE JULY



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1 20TH INSTEAD OF JULY 23RD AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A  
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 20,  
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
4 WEEK TO JULY 24TH, 2007. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
5 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 23. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 28, WE WILL CONTINUE THIS FOR  
11 ONE WEEK DUE TO A LACK OF FOUR VOTES. ON ITEMS 33, SUPERVISOR  
12 MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY  
13 24TH, 2007. AND WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 16. ON ITEMS 42 THROUGH 49,  
14 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
16 JULY 24TH, 2007.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. WHERE ARE WE?

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 16.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 42 THROUGH 49 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE ASKING THAT THEY ALL BE  
2   CONTINUED? WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THAT?

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4   **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE) .

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. KEEP GOING.

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8   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ON PAGE 19, ITEM 51, THE FIRE CHIEF  
9   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 31ST,  
10   2007. ON ITEM...

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12   **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT? WHAT...

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14   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 51, WE'RE ON PAGE 19.

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16   **SUP. KNABE:** WHO IS CONTINUING IT TWO WEEKS?

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18   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FIRE CHIEF. ON ITEM 52, THERE'S A REQUEST  
19   FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM 53, WE  
20   WILL CONTINUE THIS ONE WEEK FOR LACK OF FOUR VOTES. ON ITEM  
21   57, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
22   WEEK TO JULY 24TH, 2007. AND I BELIEVE THAT'S IT. BEFORE WE  
23   TAKE UP THE CONSENT CALENDAR, THERE'S TWO MEMBERS OF THE  
24   PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 19 AND 52 BEFORE WE  
25   TAKE THE VOTES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND. WE'VE GONE  
3 THROUGH ITEMS-- THROUGH ITEM 56-- 57? OR ARE ALL THE OTHERS,  
4 THROUGH...

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REST WILL BE BEFORE YOU AS SOON AS WE  
7 HEAR FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE ITEMS BEFORE US ARE THROUGH  
10 73.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 16 THROUGH -- 16 THROUGH 73 WITH THE  
13 EXCEPTION OF ALL THE ONES THAT I READ INTO THE RECORD AND THE  
14 ITEMS BEING HELD.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. PETER BAXTER AND DR.  
17 CLAVREUL. DR. CLAVREUL'S HERE. SO WE'LL HEAR FROM HER. IF MR.  
18 BAXTER ISN'T HERE, HOW DID HE FILL OUT THE CARD? HE WAS HERE?  
19 MAYBE HE'LL BE BACK. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD, DR. CLAVREUL.

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
22 I AM VERY CONCERNED ON THE WAY MR. FUJIOKA WAS HIRED. HE WAS  
23 DEFINITELY NOT TRANSPARENT AND I AM SURPRISED AND NOW HE HAS  
24 BEEN HIRED, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE PEOPLE WHO WERE CONSIDERED  
25 FOR THAT POSITION. I THINK THAT'S TOTALLY VIOLATE THE BROWN



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1 ACT. THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW THE PEOPLE YOU ARE  
2 CONSIDERING FOR THAT KIND OF POSITION. IT WILL BE ALSO NICE IF  
3 WE KNEW THE FIRM YOU HAD HIRED TO DO THE RECRUITING OR WAS IT  
4 DECIDED NOT TO EVEN LOOK OUTSIDE OF THIS COUNTY? AND I THINK  
5 YOU DEFINITELY NEED TO REVIEW THAT HIRING BECAUSE I THINK IT  
6 WAS DONE ILLEGALLY. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, WE DID NOT  
9 MAKE PUBLIC THE OTHER CANDIDATES AND WE DID THAT IN  
10 CONSULTATION WITH COUNSEL AND...

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEIR DESIRES.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WELL, THEIR DESIRES, THE  
15 CANDIDATES' DESIRES AND OUR DESIRES BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO  
16 DISCOURAGE CANDIDATES. CANDIDATES WERE AFRAID TO APPLY FOR  
17 THIS JOB BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT THEIR EMPLOYERS TO KNOW THAT  
18 THEY WERE LOOKING FOR OTHER JOBS AND THAT'S ONE OF THE LESSONS  
19 WE LEARNED IN THE FIRST GO-ROUND. AND, FRANKLY, IT WORKED VERY  
20 WELL BECAUSE WE HAD QUITE A FEW EXCELLENT CANDIDATES TO CHOOSE  
21 FROM AND I HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE THAT PRACTICE BECAUSE THE  
22 ONLY THING THAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT-- FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW IS  
23 WHO WE ULTIMATELY SELECT AND THAT CERTAINLY WAS TRANSPARENT  
24 AND IS TRANSPARENT AND SO I WANT TO MAKE IT REAL CLEAR THAT  
25 THIS WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT, AN OVERSIGHT AND IT WAS DONE IN



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1 FULL-- FULL KNOWLEDGE FORESIGHT AND IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR  
2 LAWYERS. AND SO, WITH THAT, WHAT DO WE HAVE NOW? THE CONSENT  
3 CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF-- MR. BAXTER IS HERE. ALL  
4 RIGHT. LET'S ASK MR. BAXTER TO SAY-- TO SPEAK TO US. HE HAS  
5 REQUESTED TO BE HEARD. ALTHOUGH I THINK MR. FUJIOKA IS GOING  
6 TO BE SWORN IN IN THIS ROOM?

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE WILL BE SWORN IN THIS ROOM ON FRIDAY.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AT 9:00 ON FRIDAY MORNING. SO  
11 ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN OBSERVING THAT, ALL THE BOARD  
12 MEMBERS ARE INVITED, TOO. ALL RIGHT. MR. BAXTER. I ALMOST GAVE  
13 YOU A PH.D. DEGREE.

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15 **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR COURTESY TO ME. MR.  
16 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, MR. JANSSEN.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DAVID?

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20 **PETER BAXTER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER  
21 AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. I MAKE IT A PRACTICE TO BRING TO  
22 YOUR KIND ATTENTION THE STATE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE I  
23 FEEL THAT SOMEBODY SHOULD SPEAK EVERY TIME THERE'S AN  
24 OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE A QUESTION OF A DIFFERENT WAY OF FIGHTING  
25 FIRE. NOW, THE RECENT FIRE YESTERDAY, I THINK IT WAS IN THE--



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1 AS I UNDERSTOOD IT FROM TELEVISION ONLY. NOW, I'M ONLY GOING  
2 ON TELEVISION, AND, ON TELEVISION, I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STRIP  
3 MALL THAT WAS ON FIRE HAD A NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS WALK INTO  
4 THAT STRIP MALL AND THEN, BY GOOD CHANCE, THE BATTALION  
5 COMMANDER ORDERED THEM OUT. BUT MY POINT TO YOU, SIR, IS THAT  
6 HERE WE HAVE THE SAME SITUATION AS WAS AVAILABLE IN NORTH  
7 CAROLINA. FIREFIGHTERS ARE WALKING INTO BURNING BUILDINGS AND  
8 NOBODY'S SAYING, "KEEP OUT OF THESE BURNING BUILDINGS."  
9 THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN TELL WHAT STATE THE ROOF IS IN. ALL YOU  
10 KNOW IS YOU DON'T DARE GO IN THERE. AND NOW THIS HAS HAPPENED  
11 AGAIN AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN UNTIL THERE'S SOMEBODY  
12 VERY, VERY MUCH DEAD AND SO I WANT TO BRING IT TO YOUR  
13 ATTENTION TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER AND  
14 I NEVER HAVE ANYBODY COME OUT HERE AND DISCUSS IT. NOW, IT'S  
15 PARTICULARLY RIDICULOUS WHEN, IF WE ONLY INTRODUCED STEAM INTO  
16 THE BURNING LOCATION, THE STEAM WOULD FILL UP THE AIR, THE  
17 SPACE AND PUSH OUT ALL THE FRESH AIR AND CONSEQUENTLY ALL THE  
18 OXYGEN AND THAT'S THE WAY TO FIGHT A FIRE. TO INTRODUCES A GAS  
19 WHICH WILL FILL UP THE LOCATION AND WILL BE NONFLAMMABLE BUT,  
20 AS IT HAPPENS, EVERY EFFORT IS MADE, APPARENTLY, TO BRING  
21 OXYGEN IN AND HAVE A FIRE, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY  
22 SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRPERSON.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. ALL RIGHT.  
25 WE-- NO. WE NOW HAVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR BEFORE US, WITH THE



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1 EXCEPTION OF THE ONES THAT ARE BEING HELD OR CONTINUED. KNABE  
2 MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON PAGE 23 OF THE AGENDA. SEPARATE  
9 MATTERS AND I WILL READ THIS ITEM, ITEM 74, INTO THE RECORD.  
10 THIS IS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF  
11 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX  
12 EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CAPITAL  
13 IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART AND  
14 RATIFY A TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT HEARING HELD  
15 BY THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.  
18 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, 75 THROUGH 78. ON ITEM 75  
21 AND 76, WE WILL HOLD THOSE FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 77, THIS  
22 ITEM ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR  
23 KNABE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
24 AGENDA AND WE WILL ALSO HOLD THAT ITEM FOR A DISCUSSION. AND,  
25 ON ITEM 78, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR





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1 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT  
2 DISCUSSION TO AUGUST 28TH, 2007.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE  
5 THE ORDER.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
8 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING  
9 AS INDICATED ON THE THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 79-A.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.  
12 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 79-B.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.  
17 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 79-C.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.  
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 79-D.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

2    UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 26, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON  
5    ITEM C.S.-2 AND C.S.-3, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM THE MEMBER OF  
6    THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. AND THAT THAT COMPLETES THE  
7    READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS  
8    BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

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10   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS.

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12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO PRESENTATIONS THERE. OKAY. I  
13   HAVE A COUPLE. FIRST, I THINK WE HAVE A NEW CONSUL-GENERAL. IF  
14   I CAN ASK THE HONORABLE MOHAMMED ABU ZAFAR, THE NEW CONSUL-  
15   GENERAL OF BANGLADESH, TO JOIN US. CONSUL-GENERAL ABU ZAFAR IS  
16   A CAREER DIPLOMAT WITH WIDE RANGING EXPERIENCE. HE HAS SERVED  
17   IN THE BANGLADESH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN,  
18   AS COUNSELOR AND ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER. HE HAS  
19   SERVED AS THE FIRST SECRETARY IN THE BANGLADESH EMBASSY IN THE  
20   NETHERLANDS. IN ADDITION, HE'S BEEN THE ALTERNATE  
21   REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE  
22   PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT AS  
23   CONSUL-GENERAL HERE IN LOS ANGELES, HE WAS DIRECTOR OF  
24   PERSONNEL, POLICY AND ORGANIZATION AT THE BANGLADESH MINISTRY  
25   OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PRIOR TO THIS, HE HELD NUMEROUS OTHER HIGH



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1 CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS, INCLUDING ASSISTANT POSTMASTER  
2 GENERAL AND THE BANGLADESH MINISTRY OF POST AND  
3 TELECOMMUNICATION. MR. ABU ZAFAR EARNED A MASTERS OF BUSINESS  
4 ADMINISTRATION DEGREE AT THE KARACHI PAKISTAN CAMPUS OF  
5 PRESTON UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. HE ALSO  
6 EARNED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH HONORS IN AGRICULTURE  
7 IN BANGLADESH. HE IS HERE WITH HIS WIFE, SALMA, AND DAUGHTERS,  
8 TYNESHA, WHO IS 17, WHO IS HERE WITH HIM TODAY, AND METIA, WHO  
9 IS 13 YEARS OLD. HE SAYS HIS PASSIONS ARE READING BOOKS AND  
10 PLAYING BRIDGE. THEY HAVE PLENTY OF BOOKS AND A LOT OF BRIDGE  
11 CLUBS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS, MR. CONSUL-GENERAL AND THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION  
13 PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I'M DELIGHTED  
14 TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS COMMUNITY AND TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS  
15 PLAQUE, WHICH SYMBOLIZES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTY  
16 AND YOUR OFFICE AND YOUR COUNTRY AND HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A VERY  
17 PRODUCTIVE STAY AND POSTING HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THERE ARE  
18 MANY BANGLADESHIS HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND MANY PEOPLE  
19 FROM THE SUBCONTINENT AS WELL AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
20 INTRODUCING YOU TO THEM AND THEM TO YOU, SO THANK YOU VERY  
21 MUCH FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING AND PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A  
22 TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION AND OUR WELCOME. [ APPLAUSE ]  
23  
24 **THE HONORABLE MD. ABU ZAFAR:** HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY,  
25 CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,



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1 HONORABLE GLORIA MOLINA, HONORABLE YVONNE BURKE, HONORABLE  
2 MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING.  
3 ALLOW ME TO FIRST EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE AND SINCERE THANKS  
4 TO HONORABLE SUPERVISORS FOR RECEIVING ME AND ALL COMING  
5 MEETINGS. THIS IS A GREAT HALL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
6 THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I'M  
7 GREATLY HONORED THIS MORNING BY THE PLAQUE THE BOARD PRESENTED  
8 TO ME AND THE KIND SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED TOWARD ME. IT WILL GO  
9 A LONG WAY IN CEMENTING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE DAYS TO  
10 COME. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BANGLADESH  
11 IS A NEW COUNTRY IN THE OLD LAND. 36 YEARS AGO, IN 1971, WE  
12 GAINED OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM PAKISTAN THROUGH A BLOODY WAR.  
13 SINCE OUR INDEPENDENCE, BANGLADESH IS A SECULAR MUSLIM  
14 COUNTRY. COMMUNAL HARMONY IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR NATION.  
15 BANGLADESH HAS ALWAYS DENOUNCED TERRORISM IN ALL ITS FORMS AND  
16 MANIFESTATIONS. BANGLADESH IS A FLEDGLING DEMOCRACY AND WE  
17 HAVE BEEN PRACTICING PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AS A MODE OF ITS  
18 GOVERNANCE SINCE 1991. UNTIL OCTOBER 2006, WE HAD BOTH THE  
19 PRIME MINISTER AND THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION, OUR LADY, IN THE  
20 PARLIAMENT. NOW THE COUNTRY IS UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO  
21 PREPARE FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE LAST QUADRANT OF  
22 2008. BANGLADESH HAS BEEN WORKING PROUDLY IN THE COMMUNITIES  
23 OF NATIONS, LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OTHER  
24 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTRIBUTES IN PROMOTING ALL  
25 PEACE AND SECURITY. WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE CONTRIBUTOR OF



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1 SOLDIERS IN UNITED NATIONS' PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS ACROSS THE  
2 GLOBE. ON THE ECONOMIC PLAN, BANGLADESH HAS MADE IMPRESSIVE  
3 PROGRESS AMONG ALL THE LIST OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRIES IN  
4 THE WORLD. LAST YEAR, THE FOUNDER OF A NONGOVERNMENT  
5 ORGANIZATION AND RENOWNED ECONOMIST, DR. PROFESSOR MUHAMMAD  
6 YUNUS WAS AWARDED NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR HIS ROLE IN REDUCING  
7 POVERTY THROUGH HIS UNIQUE INTERVENTION WITH MICRO-CREDIT.  
8 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW  
9 BANGLADESH'S BILATERAL RELATIONS. BANGLADESH GREATLY VALUES  
10 HER RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. OUR BILATERAL  
11 RELATIONS IS CHARACTERIZED BY WORKING CLOSELY IN THE FIELD OF  
12 WAR AGAINST TERROR, OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,  
13 PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, PURSUING GLOBAL PEACE AND  
14 HARMONY AMONG THE NATIONS, PRESENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF  
15 BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES AS YOUR LAWS  
16 EXTENDS THE VISITS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THE  
17 BUSINESS FROM THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES TO  
18 BANGLADESH AND VICE VERSA HAVE BEEN VERY FEW AND FAR BETWEEN,  
19 ALMOST NIL. EXTENSIVE VISITS, IN FACT, PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN  
20 EXTENDING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES. LADIES AND  
21 GENTLEMEN, THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN THE NUMBER ONE TRADING  
22 PARTNER OF BANGLADESH. ONE-THIRD OF HER EXPORTS COME TO THE  
23 CALIFORNIA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND UNITED STATES HAS BEEN  
24 THE LARGEST INVESTOR IN BANGLADESH AS WELL. SO THERE EXISTS  
25 STILL GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER EXPAND OUR SHARED AND



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1 BILATERAL RELATIONS TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THE TWO PEOPLES.  
2 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I HOPE, DURING MY TENURE IN THE WEST  
3 COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, BANGLADESH AND U.S. RELATIONSHIP  
4 WOULD FURTHER BE ADVANCEMENT TO A NEW LEVEL AND, IN THIS  
5 CONTEXT, MAY I SEEK YOUR KIND HELP AND COOPERATION TO  
6 DISCHARGE MY DUTIES. THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR  
7 GIVING ME PERSON \_\_\_\_\_. THANK YOU ALL. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CONSUL-  
10 GENERAL, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS WELL. I  
11 HAVE ALSO THE L.A. COUNTY STARS FOR JULY TO INTRODUCE THIS  
12 MORNING. IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THEM. IN THE CATEGORY OF  
13 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, PLEASE WELCOME MONJU SHOME FROM  
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. MS. SHOME IS A SUPERVISING  
15 PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER IN CHARGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
16 OPERATION OF THE NEW JAIL FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
17 FUNDED UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT. THE ARCADIA  
18 MENTAL HEALTH IS ONE OF THE FIVE ORIGINAL PILOT TRANSFORMATION  
19 PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AS PART OF  
20 THE CHALLENGING TASK OF TRANSFORMING SERVICES, MS. SHOME  
21 VOLUNTEERED TO FASHION A SPECIAL TEAM FOCUSED ON DELIVERY OF  
22 SERVICES TO A MOST CHALLENGING POPULATION, CLIENTS COMING OUT  
23 OF JAIL SETTINGS. SHE HAD THE OPTION OF PROVIDING GENERAL  
24 F.S.P. SERVICES TO ADULTS BUT EVADED THE EASIER PATH AND  
25 PERSISTED IN HER DESIRE TO MEET THE COMPLEX NEEDS OF MENTALLY





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1 ILL ADULTS, MANY WITH EXISTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS, WHO  
2 HAD MANY HOSPITALIZATIONS AND HAD CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL  
3 JUSTICE SYSTEM. SHE BELIEVES IN THE RECOVERY MODEL AND FELT A  
4 PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO HELP THOSE CLIENT WHO WERE MOST  
5 UNDERSERVED AND MOST HOPELESS. MS. SHOME CARRIES WITH HER AN  
6 OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC AS A MODEL FOR EVERYONE ON HER TEAM AND  
7 HER DEDICATION TO CARING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING THE IMPACT OF  
8 MENTAL ILLNESS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL ACCOLADES.  
9 CONGRATULATIONS TO MONJU SHOME, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. [  
10 APPLAUSE ]

11  
12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE NEXT RECIPIENT IS FROM THE  
13 CATEGORY OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE WELCOME PAMELA  
14 GARDNER FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MS. GARDNER IS A 25-  
15 YEAR EMPLOYEE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND IS IN CHARGE  
16 OF THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY. WITH  
17 SPECIALIZED UNITS LIKE THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, AERO  
18 BUREAU AND THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU, THE DEMANDS PLACED  
19 UPON HER ARE FAR ABOVE THOSE EXPERIENCED BY BUDGET  
20 REPRESENTATIVES IN THE OTHER SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS DIVISIONS  
21 AND REGIONS. ON TOP OF THIS ALREADY DEMANDING WORKLOAD, MS.  
22 GARDNER HAS THE ADDED RESPONSIBILITY OF OVERSEEING ALL  
23 BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HOMELAND SECURITY  
24 GRANTS, WHICH IS OVER \$20 MILLION SINCE 2003. SINCE THE ADVENT  
25 OF THESE GRANTS, MS. GARDNER'S WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED



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1 EXPONENTIALLY. DESPITE THE INCREASED WORKLOAD AND SEEMINGLY  
2 IMPOSSIBLE DEADLINES, HER CAN DO ATTITUDE HAS ENSURED RECEIPT  
3 OF EVERY POSSIBLE DOLLAR AVAILABLE FOR THE SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
5 COUNTY IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER OR A  
6 TERRORIST EVENT. MS. GARDNER'S CONSISTENT, EXEMPLARY WORK  
7 ETHIC AND PERSONAL DEDICATION TO DUTY HAS SET AN EXAMPLE FOR  
8 OTHERS TO FOLLOW. SHE IS ALWAYS CHEERFUL, EVEN UNDER EXTREMELY  
9 STRESSFUL SITUATIONS. MS. GARDNER INSTILLS CONFIDENCE IN HER  
10 COWORKERS AND SUPERIORS ALIKE THAT, IF IT CAN BE DONE, SHE  
11 WILL ENSURE IT WILL BE DONE, ON TIME AND FOLLOWING ALL THE  
12 RULES. CONGRATULATIONS TO PAMELA GARDNER OF THE SHERIFF'S  
13 DEPARTMENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I THINK THAT'S IT FOR ME.  
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO HAVE A COUPLE OF  
20 PRESENTATIONS MYSELF THIS MORNING. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO  
21 ASK GREG WENGER AND HIS WIFE, MIMI, TO JOIN ME UP HERE. TODAY,  
22 WE'RE HONORING GREG FOR HIS 38 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND  
23 LEADERSHIP IN MARINA DEL REY. GREG, A MARINA DEL REY RESIDENT  
24 AND ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL AND WELL KNOWN AND HISTORICAL  
25 PHOTOGRAPHER, WAS RECENTLY HONORED BY THE VENICE ROTARY CLUB



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1 WITH A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF  
2 VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO ORGANIZATIONS WHICH STRIVE TO IMPROVE THE  
3 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITIZENS OF MARINA DEL REY, VENICE AND  
4 MAR VISTA. IN ADDITION, SOME OF THOSE HAVE BEEN, HE WAS PAST  
5 PRESIDENT OF THE MARINA DEL REY CHAMBER, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE  
6 MARINA FOUNDATION, WHICH ADDED AN INCREDIBLE NAUTICAL ADDITION  
7 TO THE LLOYD TABER PUBLIC LIBRARY. HE IS A DIRECTOR OF L.A.X.  
8 COASTAL AREA CHAMBER AND HE CHAIRS THE MARINA AFFAIRS  
9 COMMITTEE. HE'S A DIRECTOR OF THE SHERIFF'S SUPPORT UNIT, THE  
10 SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AN ALTERNATE  
11 DIRECTOR FOR THE MARINA DEL REY CONVENTION AND VISITORS'  
12 BUREAU. HE ALSO ADVISES THE HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE ORGANIZATION  
13 AND HE IS A ASSOCIATE PHOTOGRAPHER, I FIND THAT HARD TO  
14 BELIEVE, FOR THE ARGONAUT NEWSPAPER. IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE  
15 AN INCREDIBLE HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION OF MARINA  
16 DEL RAY, YOU HAVE TO SEE MR. WENGER'S COLLECTION. SO, ON  
17 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, WE JUST-- GREG, WE WANT TO  
18 THANK YOU AND MIMI FOR ALL YOUR MANY YEARS OF COMMUNITY  
19 SERVICE TO MARINA DEL REY, VENICE, MAR VISTA AREA AND JUST SAY  
20 A HEARTFELT THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.  
21 [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF STAR OF LIFE HONOREES  
24 AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE MAYOR OF WHITTIER TO JOIN ME, OWEN  
25 NEWCOMER, AND CARE AMBULANCE, BOB BARRY AND BILL WESTON AND



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1 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, MIKE MORAN AND RUDY VALENZUELA.  
2 TODAY, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO HONOR THESE TWO CARE EMPLOYEES.  
3 THEY ARE BEING HONORED BY THE COUNTY FOR BEING NATIONALLY  
4 RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION IN  
5 WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH THE STAR OF LIFE AWARD. WHILE WORKING A  
6 SHIFT IN WHITTIER, E.M.T. MIKE MORAN WENT BEYOND THE CALL OF  
7 DUTY TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A FULL CARDIAC ARREST VICTIM. WHEN HE  
8 AND HIS PARTNER ARRIVED ON THE SCENE, HE FOUND POLICE OFFICERS  
9 DOING C.P.R. MIKE QUICKLY APPLIED THE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL  
10 DEFIBRILLATOR AND HAD TO ADMINISTER SHOCK TWICE BEFORE THE  
11 PATIENT REGAINED A HEARTBEAT. MIKE'S QUICK ACTION LED TO THE  
12 EVENTUAL COMPLETE RECOVERY OF HIS PATIENT. DUE TO THE HARD  
13 WORK OF THE COUNTY E.M.S. DEPARTMENT AND CARE AMBULANCE, THE  
14 A.E.D. IS NOW STANDARD EQUIPMENT IN ALL BASIC LIFE SUPPORT  
15 AMBULANCES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHITTIER RESIDENT RUDY  
16 VALENZUELA WAS OFF DUTY WHEN LOS ANGELES ENGINE COUNTY-- LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY ENGINE 59 RESPONDED TO AN AUTOMOBILE AND  
18 PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT. WHEN THE FIRE ENGINE ARRIVED, THEY  
19 DISCOVERED E.M.T. VALENZUELA ADMINISTERING LIFE- SAVING  
20 MEASURES. RUDY HAD BEEN THE FIRST E.M.T. ON THE SCENE AND HAD  
21 PERFORMED ALREADY MANY INVALUABLE TASKS. RUDY HAD ALREADY  
22 CALLED 9-1-1, DIRECTED TRAFFIC, HELD A C-SPINE IMMOBILIZATION  
23 AND APPLIED TECHNIQUES TO CONTROL BLEEDING, ALLOWING THE  
24 PATIENT TO ARRIVE AT A TRAUMA CENTER ALIVE. SO THESE TWO  
25 INDIVIDUALS JUST PART OF AN INCREDIBLE E.M.S. SYSTEM THAT WE



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1 HAVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THEY WERE RECOGNIZED  
2 NATIONALLY FOR THEIR HEROICS AND SO WE'D LIKE TO SAY A  
3 HEARTFELT THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL, TOO. THANK YOU.  
4 [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT! WAY TO GO! ANYBODY LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING  
7 HERE? MR. MAYOR?

8

9 **OWEN NEWCOMER:** AND IT'S JUST AN HONOR TO HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS  
10 DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB IN WHITTIER AND LIVING IN WHITTIER AND,  
11 AS YOU HEARD, ONE OF THEM WAS OFF DUTY AND IT WAS AN INCIDENT  
12 IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A NEIGHBOR CHILD THAT HE WAS ABLE TO  
13 COME TO HELP ON. SO, AS MAYOR OF WHITTIER, WE'RE VERY, VERY  
14 PROUD TO HAVE THIS FINE SERVICE AND GLAD THAT THEY'RE GOING TO  
15 BE AROUND FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO CONTINUE THEIR FINE SERVICE.  
16 SO, MIKE MORAN, THANK YOU AND RUDY VALENZUELA, THANK YOU VERY  
17 MUCH AND CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THE  
20 PRESENTATIONS. NOW WE CAN GET BACK TO THE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR--  
21 OH, OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THAT UP NOW? WE'RE GOING TO TAKE  
22 UP ITEM 4 NOW. IT'S HELD FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION. THIS IS  
23 ON THE PROCLAMATION OF JUNE 2007 AS REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH IN  
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHO IS GOING TO SPEAK FOR THE-- IS  
25 SOMEBODY GOING TO SPEAK FOR THE GROUP? MAKE THE PRESENTATION?



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1 ALL RIGHT. LET'S JUST DO THE VIDEO THEN AND THEN WE'LL  
2 PROCLAIM. GO AHEAD. THERE'S NO SOUND. ARE YOU WORKING ON IT? [  
3 VIDEO ] ...SHE WAS APPROACHED WITH AN OFFER OF WORK IN LOS  
4 ANGELES.

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6 I SAY, OKAY, I GO AMERICA. I WANTED TO WORK. AFTER TAKE MY  
7 MONEY, I COME RIGHT HERE. MY DAUGHTER MAYBE GO COLLEGE.

8

9 >>SPEAKER: SHE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT SHE WOULD BE  
10 HAVING A LEGITIMATE JOB.

11

12 SPEAKER: BUT AFTER I COME IN HERE, NO GOOD.

13

14 SPEAKER: SHE WAS A SLAVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

15

16 SPEAKER: I CALLED MY DOCTOR. SHE SAY, NO. NO GO DOCTOR, AND  
17 EVERY SUNDAY, I NO GO CHURCH.

18

19 THE PEOPLE TOLD HER THAT, IF SHE TRIED TO LEAVE, THAT HER LIFE  
20 WOULD BE THREATENED.

21

22 >>I ASK FOR HELP. PLEASE, I WANT TO GO BACK MY COUNTRY. SHE  
23 SAY YOU COMING HERE FOR THREE YEARS. YOU HAVE TO STAY THREE  
24 YEARS.

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1 >>AFTER WORKING FOR THREE YEARS, SHE PLEADED AGAIN FOR A  
2 RETURN TICKET HOME.

3

4 >>SHE SAY NO FOR YOU TICKET FOR PLANE.

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6 >>REALIZING HER CAPTORS WOULD NEVER SEND HER BACK TO ERITREA,  
7 SHE MADE A COURAGEOUS DECISION.

8

9 >>SPEAKER: ONE NIGHT, I NO SLEEP. I WAKE UP MORNING 5:00, I  
10 OPENED DOOR. I GO.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** WHEN SHE ESCAPED, SHE SPOKE NO ENGLISH, HAD NO MONEY  
13 AND NO IDEA WHERE SHE WAS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** AFTER COMING, SHE TAKE ME TO HER HOUSE, SHE GAVE ME  
16 FOOD.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** SHE CAME TO C.A.S.T. REALLY IN A STATE OF FEAR, WITH  
19 NOTHING BUT THE CLOTHES ON HER BACK AND SHE NEEDED SHELTER. WE  
20 REFERRED HER TO ONE OF OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS, ALEXANDRIA  
21 HOUSE. THIS IS WHERE JAVIUS CAME INTO THE PICTURE, WHERE WE  
22 NEEDED AN ORGANIZATION WHO COULD WORK COMPREHENSIVELY WITH HER  
23 TO GET HER READY FOR THE JOB.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** SHE NEEDED SYMPATHY, SHE NEEDED TO BE UNDERSTOOD.



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2 **SPEAKER:** I LOVE TANYA. SHE-- ANYTHING HELP FOR ME.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR  
5 THE REFUGEES OR POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR BEING TRAINED IN HOW TO  
6 LOOK FOR THE JOB, HOW TO GET THE JOB, HOW TO BECOME SELF-  
7 SUFFICIENT.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** J.V.S. HELP FOR ME BIG.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** AT J.V.S., THEY LEARN ENGLISH, THEY ARE TAUGHT ALL  
12 THE NECESSARY JOB SEARCH TOOLS. THEY HAVE PERSONAL COACHING.  
13 ONE DAY WHEN I SAID, SIGIA, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE  
14 EMPLOYMENT? SHE SAID, YEAH, I WANT TO WORK. THEY ACTUALLY LOOK  
15 AT US AS A PRE-SCREENING AGENCY.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I IMMEDIATELY TOOK HER THERE. I HELPED SIGIA TO FILL  
18 IN APPLICATION AND TO PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW. THEY HIRED  
19 HER AND THERE'S NOT A MINUTE OF REGRET.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I LOVE-- CUSTOMERS, WITH CUSTOMERS. I LOVE MY JOB. I  
22 LOVE WORK. EVERYBODY NICE, EVERYBODY GOOD.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** SIGIA IS A VERY WARM, COMPASSIONATE, FRIENDLY PERSON,  
25 ALWAYS HAS A SMILE AND IS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP.



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2 **SPEAKER:** THE PEOPLE ARE LIKE MY FAMILY.

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4 **SPEAKER:** WE ARE SO PROUD OF SIGIA BEING SUCH A MODEL OF  
5 RESILIENCE FOR ALL OF OUR OTHER CLIENTS.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I CALL EVERY FRIDAY MY DOCTOR. I'M HAPPY. I SPEAK FOR  
8 MYSELF. THANK YOU, J.V.S. BEFORE, I LIVE IN FAMILY NO FREE, NO  
9 GOOD. BUT NOW I GO SCHOOL, I GO EVERYWHERE, I HAVE DOCTORS, I  
10 HAVE JOB. VERY, VERY, VERY GOOD NOW. I'M HAPPY. [ VIDEO ENDS ]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I HAVE A QUESTION ON THE AGENDA. ON THE  
15 LIBRARY-- 27? I THOUGHT YOU CONTINUED THAT A WEEK?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DIDN'T YET. I THOUGHT YOU HAD  
18 QUESTIONS BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM. DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE IT  
19 A WEEK? I WANT TO...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO CONTINUE IT A WEEK. I DON'T  
22 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. I'LL WAIT AND ASK MY QUESTIONS THEN.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FINE. THEN, WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
25 ITEM 27 WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL NEXT WEEK. OKAY. I



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1 MISUNDERSTOOD. ALL RIGHT. BACK TO THE REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH.  
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN COLLABORATION  
3 WITH LOCAL REFUGEE AGENCIES, ADMINISTER THE REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT  
4 PROGRAM WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING  
5 SERVICES TO REFUGEES WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY. THE REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES OUTREACH, CASE  
7 MANAGEMENT AND PLACEMENT SERVICES TO REFUGEES. THE PROGRAM  
8 ALSO ASSISTS REFUGEES TO ADJUST AND ADAPT TO THE AMERICAN  
9 WORKPLACE, TO LEARN ENGLISH AND ULTIMATELY ACHIEVE SELF-  
10 SUFFICIENCY. REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES SETTLE IN LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF STARTING NEW LIVES AND BECOMING  
12 CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
13 OF PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND LOCAL REFUGEE AGENCIES PLAY  
14 AN INTEGRAL PART IN ASSISTING REFUGEES WITH THEIR NEW  
15 BEGINNING. WE'VE JUST WATCHED THIS VIDEO. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE  
16 AUDIO PROBLEMS WE HAD BUT I THINK THE MESSAGE GOT ACROSS. I  
17 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOS ANGELES  
18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND REFUGEE AGENCY STAFF  
19 WHO COLLABORATE TO ASSIST REFUGEES TO ATTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY  
20 AND, IF THEY'LL ALL COME UP HERE, WE'LL HAVE A WONDERFUL PHOTO  
21 OPPORTUNITY WITH THE BOARD. REPRESENTING REFUGEE AGENCIES,  
22 MAYA OSSIPOVA, ANNIE BAILIAN, SIGMUND VISE, NORA ASJIAN,  
23 VIVIAN SEIGLE. THEY'RE ALL COMING UP. MAYA REPRESENTS CATHOLIC  
24 CHARITIES; ANNIE BAILIAN, ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETIES; SIGMUND  
25 VISE, THE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICE; NORA ASHJIAN, THE



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1 ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER; AND VIVIAN SEIGLE  
2 THE JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES, IN ADDITION TO WHICH WE HAVE  
3 D.P.S.S. STAFF. REPRESENTING PHIL BROWNING IS SHERRY SPILLER  
4 AND LISA HAYS. THESE ARE THE STAFF OF D.P.S.S. I'LL JUST CALL  
5 THEM UP. FRANCISCO PEREZ, BERMAN SMITH, ALFRED PASERA, LILLIAN  
6 PEREZ, SYLVIA OLGUIN, VAUGHN GIBSON, DOLLY JAMES, SOFARN COON,  
7 AND CAROLINA SIERRA. LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A HAND. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF MR. BROWNING, WHO HAD A PERSONAL  
10 EMERGENCY THIS MORNING BUT HE ASKED ME TO MAKE THESE COMMENTS  
11 ON HIS ON BEHALF. D.P.S.S., IN COLLABORATION, FIRST OF ALL--  
12 D.P.S.S. WISHES TO JOIN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND THE REST OF  
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN CELEBRATING THE PERSEVERANCE AND  
14 ACHIEVEMENTS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO SETTLE IN LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY AND BECOME A INTEGRAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.  
16 D.P.S.S., IN COLLABORATION WITH 5 CONTRACTED REFUGEE SERVICES  
17 AGENCIES, THROUGH THE COUNTY'S REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, HAS  
18 COMMITTED NEARLY \$4 MILLION TO ASSIST ALMOST 2,500 REFUGEES  
19 AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR QUEST TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY.  
20 D.P.S.S. AND ITS PARTNERS WILL CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE IN  
21 ORDER TO SEE REFUGEES THROUGH THEIR INITIAL ADJUSTMENT PERIOD  
22 FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL INTO THE UNITED STATES BY EMPOWERING  
23 THEM TO OVERCOME LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL BARRIERS. WE ARE  
24 COMMITTED TO THEIR SUCCESS AND TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THEIR  
25 DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS. ALSO, DUE TO THE DILIGENCE OF THE



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1 INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE AGENCIES, THE UNITED STATES MAY  
2 EXPERIENCE A SURGE OF REFUGEE ENTRANTS FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS  
3 IRAQ OVER THE NEXT YEAR. D.P.S.S. AND ITS PARTNERS WILL BE--  
4 STAND READY TO SUPPORT THOSE REFUGEES WHO CHOOSE TO SETTLE IN  
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY EITHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. I'D LIKE TO  
6 SAY THANK YOU TO THE STAFF AND OUR AGENCY PARTNERS. [ APPLAUSE  
7 ]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE HAVE ITEM 4 BEFORE US  
10 NOW. IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, I WILL SECOND.  
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU WANT TO DO MY ADJOURNMENTS?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE YOU DO, I JUST WANT TO GET  
20 THIS OUT IN THE INTEREST OF TRANSPARENCY AS QUICKLY AS  
21 POSSIBLE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE AN ITEM NEXT WEEK  
22 TO THE FOLLOWING WEEK, IT'S A PLANNING ITEM, BECAUSE THERE WAS  
23 A PROBLEM. THE COUNTY DIDN'T MEET THE DEADLINE, THE  
24 APPROPRIATE DEADLINE, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER  
25 WEEK TO DO IT RIGHT, SO I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS





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1 CONTINUE, WITHOUT DISCUSSION, THE PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JULY  
2 24TH, 2007, RELATED TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 97-178,  
3 THE OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER 97-178, INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT  
4 MAP NUMBER 52419 ALL ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPERTY COMMONLY  
5 KNOWN AS TRIANGLE RANCH UNTIL JULY 31ST, 2007. IT'S A ONE WEEK  
6 POSTPONEMENT SO THAT WE CAN MEET ALL THE LEGAL DEADLINES.  
7 KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION-- IS THIS...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MY HONOR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA.  
12 THIS IS TO POST ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA SO WE'LL PUT IT ON THE  
13 AGENDA, BUT I WANTED THE WORLD TO KNOW SO THEY DON'T MAKE  
14 PLANS TO COME DOWN HERE NEXT WEEK BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO  
15 HEAR IT. YES. OKAY, GREAT. NOW, MS. BURKE, YOU'RE ON.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
18 OF VERNA M. HINDER MACK, A LONG TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 RESIDENT OF 45 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 5TH, 2007 AT THE  
20 AGE OF 71. SHE RETIRED FROM THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
21 DISTRICT WITH 38 YEARS OF SERVICE. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER  
22 MEMORY HER HUSBAND, RICHARD, AND SON, DEZNIC. AND CHRISTOPHER  
23 RIDDICK, WHO IS THE GRANDSON OF COMMISSIONER NATE RIDDICK. HE  
24 WAS KILLED BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN AT  
25 THE AGE OF 28. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS



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1 GRANDPARENTS, NATE AND ELLIE RIDDICK, HIS PARENTS, MICHAEL AND  
2 ARLENE RIDDICK AND BROTHER, NICHOLAS RIDDICK. AND BETTY LOUISE  
3 RICHARDSON, LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT IN THE L.A.  
4 COUNTY ASSESSOR EMPLOYEE FOR 35 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY  
5 4TH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTER, GAIL  
6 RICHARDSON AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN, DANA AND TRAVON. ROBERTA  
7 "BOBBY" RAGAN, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT IN  
8 THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD WHO PASSED AWAY JUNE 23RD AFTER LOSING  
9 HER LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY  
10 HER LOVING HUSBAND, REX RAGAN.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 5. JUST A MOMENT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 5? THAT'S THE COG? THE WEST  
17 SIDE COG?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE HELD IT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THE ONLY REASON I HELD IT WAS JUST TO ASK  
24 THE QUESTION, THE OTHER COGS, WHEN WE DO THIS, THE COUNTY HAS  
25 A SEAT FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING



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1 THAT THIS INCLUDES MARINA DEL REY. AND I WAS JUST WONDERING  
2 HOW YOU WERE GOING TO HANDLE THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE COG ONLY HAS ONE UNDER THEIR  
5 CHARTER, ONLY HAS ONE SUPERVISORIAL SEAT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW. BUT I'M JUST SAYING, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT  
8 MARINA DEL REY IS IN THAT NOW? I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT BECAUSE  
9 WE HAD NEVER BEEN A PART OF THAT WEST SIDE COG. WE NEVER...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND I DON'T THINK THAT ANYTHING  
12 RELATED TO MARINA DEL REY HAS EVER COME UP AT THE COG.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT  
17 IF...

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** WE COULD ROTATE THE ALTERNATE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ACTUALLY, WE CAN APPOINT A SECOND  
22 ALTERNATE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, WHY DON'T WE DO THAT?

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST MEAN TO-- I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IN  
2   THIS COG THING THAT MARINA DEL REY, IN WHATEVER YOU SENT US,  
3   IS INCLUDED.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS TWO  
6   THINGS. ONE IS THAT WE AMEND THIS TO INCLUDE-- TO MAKE  
7   SUPERVISOR KNABE THE ALTERNATE IN THE EVENT THAT MYSELF OR MS.  
8   BURKE IS NOT ABLE TO BE THERE, OKAY? SO THAT'S NUMBER ONE.  
9   NUMBER TWO IS I THINK MY STAFF HAS SAID TO YOUR STAFF WE WILL  
10   CERTAINLY BE SURE THAT ANY ISSUE THAT COMES UP RELATED TO THE  
11   MARINA, THAT YOU WOULD BE INFORMED ABOUT.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT THEY'RE PART OF  
14   THE COG. I MEAN, I REALLY DO.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE:** I WONDER WHY THEY'RE NOT ON SOUTH BAY?

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S REALLY MORE...

19

20   **SUP. KNABE:** THE WEST SIDE.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S REALLY FOCUSED MORE ON THE  
23   FIVE CITIES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CULVER CITY, SANTA MONICA, CITY  
24   OF L.A.

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT IT'S CONTIGUOUS TO CULVER CITY. I  
2   MEAN, CULVER CITY AND MARINA DEL REY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT  
3   INTERFACE, PARTICULARLY ON PLANNING ITEMS.  
4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK THAT MARINA DEL REY  
6   WAS ON THEIR MINDS WHEN THEY FORMED THIS COG. AND, AS FAR AS I  
7   KNOW, NOT ONE ISSUE RELATED TO THE MARINA HAS COME UP. IT'S  
8   MORE FOCUSED EASTERLY AND NORTHERLY OF THERE.  
9

10   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, BECAUSE I WASN'T AWARE, EITHER, OF ANYTHING  
11   COMING BEFORE THEM BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT WE EVEN KNEW. SO  
12   I JUST WANTED TO RAISE THE ISSUE NOT SO MUCH MEMBERSHIP. BUT I  
13   SUPPORT THIS. I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT IT'S PART OF IT.  
14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WITH THAT AMENDMENT AND THE  
16   COMMITMENT THAT WE WILL MAKE SURE YOUR OFFICE-- WILL HAVE THE  
17   COG MAKE SURE YOU'RE INFORMED, WHICH I'M SURE THEY WOULD,  
18   ANYWAY, BUT WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS, WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
19   THE MOTION IS APPROVED. I'LL MOVE, MS. BURKE SECONDS,  
20   UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. THAT TAKES CARE OF NUMBER 5.  
21

22   **SUP. BURKE:** WE CONTINUED 27, DIDN'T WE?  
23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, WE JUST DID.  
25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 1 WAS HELD. ITEM 1 WAS HELD.

2

3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
4    NO LONGER WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM SO WE CAN GO AHEAD AND  
5    APPROVE IT.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE MOVES,  
8    KNABE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, UNANIMOUS  
9    VOTE.

10

11    **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 77. COULD WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT? IS DR.  
12    SOUTHARD HERE? I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT...

13

14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

15

16    **SUP. BURKE:** MR. KNABE, I WANTED TO-- I CALLED IT UP BECAUSE I  
17    HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I HAVE PASSED OUT.

18

19    **SUP. KNABE:** WE'VE REVIEWED IT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.  
20    THAT'S FINE.

21

22    **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. IF THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, I'LL MOVE  
23    IT.

24

25    **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.



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1

2 **SUP. BURKE:** WITH THE AMENDMENT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE-- A PERSON WHO  
5 WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THIS? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENT  
6 IS BEFORE US AND IS APPROVED AND IS BEFORE US AS PART OF THE  
7 MAIN MOTION, MAIN ITEM, SO THAT WE CAN-- I'M HAVING TROUBLE  
8 READING THIS. IS IT MULCAHEY? OKAY.

9

10 **TRISHA MULCAHEY:** DO YOU STILL HAVE THREE MINUTES FOR EACH  
11 SPEAKER?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, YOU ACTUALLY SPOKE ON THIS.  
14 WHICH ITEM DO YOU WANT TO BE HEARD ON?

15

16 **TRISHA MULCAHEY:** I'LL MAKE IT REAL FAST, TRY TO SQUEEZE  
17 EVERYTHING IN.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES TOTAL, SO  
20 GO AHEAD.

21

22 **TRISHA MULCAHEY:** OKAY. DON'T TIME ME YET. DO NOT TIME ME YET.  
23 THE LITTLE CLOCK?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE ON NOW.





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1  
2 **TRISHA MULCAHEY:** OKAY. NUMBER ONE, WITH THIS, THERE ARE MORE  
3 CHILDREN THAT BE BEING ABUSED. YOU SPOKE ABOUT IT BEFORE, A  
4 COUPLE YEARS AGO, IN REGARDS TO THIS. IT'S RIDICULOUS WHAT IS  
5 HAPPENING. THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT MEANT-- YOU TAKE THE KIDS,  
6 SUPPOSEDLY, FOR THEIR WELLBEING. THEY SUFFER ABUSE  
7 \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE REST OF THE FOSTER CHILDREN. AND ALSO  
8 I'M ASKING FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAIN BECAUSE I HAD A SOCIAL  
9 WORKER INFORM ME THAT THEY LISTED TO MY DAUGHTER, KAYLA, WITH  
10 THE REGIONAL CENTER BECAUSE THEY WANTED A HIGHER FEDERAL RATE,  
11 WHICH I'M NOT SURE IF YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOW THAT IT'S  
12 ILLEGAL TO DO. YOU SPOKE ABOUT THAT BEFORE. MY DAUGHTER,  
13 RAVEN, WAS SEXUALLY ABUSED. IT WAS COVERED UP. NOW YOU'RE  
14 TRYING TO LIMIT THE DATA? YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD ALL  
15 BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF. I'M TELLING YOU, YOU'RE THE MOST  
16 UNETHICAL GROUP OF BOARDS AND SUPERVISORS WE HAVE. I'M STILL  
17 ASKING FOR DATA ON THE CHILDREN THAT HAS DIED! I DIDN'T WANT  
18 THEM TO BE JUST A BYLINE AND STAY FORGOTTEN! IN REGARDS TO THE  
19 SMITH CASE! IN REGARD TO MY DAUGHTER THAT WAS ABUSED! FOR  
20 CONTINUED SEXUAL ABUSE! YOU SIT THERE. YOU SHOULD ALL BE  
21 ASHAMED OF YOURSELF. FOUR KIDS ARE NOT MEANT TO BE USED AS  
22 CASH COWS! I HAD TWO, NOT ONE BUT THREE 730 EVALUATIONS! YOU  
23 DID NOT KNOW SOME THINGS ABOUT ME! AND I KEPT THAT A SECRET!  
24 THESE CHILDREN THAT HAVE CONTINUED TO BE SEXUALLY ABUSED WITH  
25 THE SOCIAL WORKERS NOT GET OFF THEIR-- GET OFF THEIR DESKS AND



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1 DOING ANYTHING, WHERE IS THE JUSTICE IN THAT? AND NOW YOU'RE  
2 TRYING TO LIMIT THE DATA!? I'M STILL WAITING. YOU FOOLS TELL  
3 ME YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK INTO IT. YOU HAVE NOT DONE THAT,  
4 EITHER. NOW WE HAVE CHILDREN TRYING TO KILL THEMSELVES BECAUSE  
5 OF THE ABUSE AND SUFFER.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.  
8 DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS RELATED TO THE KATIE A.  
13 ISSUE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS BEING-- ACCORDING TO THE  
18 AGENDA ITEM, THIS IS BEING CONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST 7TH?  
19 CONTINUATION OF THE MODIFIED COUNTY PLAN FOR THREE WEEKS?  
20 THAT'S WHAT THE AGENDA SAYS.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHAT ARE WE APPROVING TODAY?

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** WE AREN'T, ARE WE?

2

3    **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, IT'S DOWN AS HELD FOR DISCUSSION. WAS IT TO  
4    BE CONTINUED?

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS A D.C.F.S. ISSUE?

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8    **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, IT'S THE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS ISSUE I  
9    THINK, MOSTLY.

10

11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, BUT THE POLICY SIDE IS A  
12    D.C.F.S. AND NOT A COUNTY COUNSEL ISSUE PROBABLY.

13

14    **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT DO WE NEED TO APPROVE?

15

16    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND PART OF THIS IS GOING TO BE  
17    DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

18

19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PART OF IT BUT I THINK PART OF IT  
20    SHOULD BE DISCUSSED, AT LEAST SOME OF IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED  
21    OPENLY. BUT WHAT'S BOTHERING ME IS THAT NOBODY KNOWS WHO'S IN  
22    CHARGE OF THIS ITEM. YEAH, IT'S A CONTINUANCE BUT I WANTED TO  
23    GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE CONTEXT OF THIS CONTINUANCE  
24    IS. IS THERE NOBODY HERE FROM THE STAFF? WHO IS THE DEPUTY  
25    C.E.O. WHO'S KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THIS?



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, TRISH IS HERE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, SO WE'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY  
5 RELY ON THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR A CHANGE. COME ON UP, TRISH.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** AND DR. SOUTHARD'S IS HERE, TOO.

8

9 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** WE HAVE PLENTY OF PEOPLE HERE. COUNTY  
10 COUNSEL...

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** CAN WE ADOPT MY AMENDMENT? IS THERE ANY PROBLEM  
13 WITH THAT?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, WE ALREADY DID.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE ALREADY DID THAT. IT'S  
20 INCORPORATED INTO IT BUT I THINK WE WANT TO HAVE A BIT OF A  
21 DISCUSSION. I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT OF WHERE WE'RE  
22 GOING BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST 7TH, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ON  
23 AUGUST 7TH. THIS IS-- I MEAN, THERE'S WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE  
24 AND IS BEING DONE. THIS IS NOT A DEFERRAL AS MUCH AS IT IS A



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1 WORK IN PROGRESS DESTINED TO CULMINATE ON AUGUST 7TH, AS I  
2 UNDERSTAND IT. COULD YOU LAY SOME OF THIS OUT FOR US?

3

4 **DR. MARV SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, MY UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE WE  
5 ARE ON THIS IS THAT THE BASICS OF THE PLAN ARE IN PLACE. THERE  
6 ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCING PORTIONS OF IT. AND WE WANT TO  
7 SHOW THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN MOVING  
8 FORWARD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO PUT FORWARD A PLAN THAT  
9 IMPROVES THE CARE OF THE KIDS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE BOARD  
10 HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FINANCING THAT WILL BE RESOLVED IN THE  
11 DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 7TH. I THINK THAT'S THE CONTEXT FOR IT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO, ESSENTIALLY, THE ISSUE NOW IS  
14 WHERE THE FUNDS ARE GOING TO COME FROM?

15

16 **DR. MARV SOUTHARD:** A SUBSET. A PIECE OF THE FUNDING. THE  
17 MAJORITY OF THE FUNDING IS PRETTY CLEAR BUT THERE'S A  
18 COMPONENT FOR WHICH THERE'S NO CLEAR...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** A MAJORITY IS COMING FROM WHERE?

21

22 **DR. MARV SOUTHARD:** THE E.P.S.D.T.?

23

24 **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** AND STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE  
2    FUNDING REQUIRED?

3

4    **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** EXACTLY.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND IT'S THE THIRD WHICH IS OUR  
7    RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO IDENTIFY PRECISE SOURCES  
8    OF THOSE FUNDS?

9

10   **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** EXACTLY.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S NO ISSUE AS TO WHETHER  
13   WE'RE GOING TO, I MEAN, WITHIN REASON, OBVIOUSLY, WE CAN'T  
14   APPROVE SOMETHING IN ADVANCE BUT THERE'S NO EXPECTATION THAT  
15   WE WILL NOT APPROVE IT. IT IS NOW JUST A MATTER OF CROSSING  
16   THE T'S AND DOTTING THE I'S IN THE FINANCIAL PIECE OF THIS.

17

18   **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** AND, TO DATE, I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM OR  
19   ANYONE HAVING A PROBLEM WITH THE PLAN. IT IS QUITE A  
20   COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. IT IS SIMPLY THAT LAST PIECE, THAT 1/3 OF  
21   THE FUNDING, WHICH IS ABOUT \$33 MILLION, HOW WE WILL ACTUALLY  
22   FUND THAT PIECE.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO, IN OUR ACTION TODAY, EVEN  
25   THOUGH WE'RE CONTINUING THE FINANCIAL PIECE, WOULD IT BE SAFE



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1 TO SAY, OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS A QUESTION FOR THE BOARD, THAT WE  
2 ARE APPROVING, IN PRINCIPLE, THE PLAN THAT IS BEFORE US?

3

4 **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUBJECT TO THE FINANCING PIECE  
7 WHICH WILL COME BACK ON AUGUST 7TH?

8

9 **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** YES...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YOU HAVE A FINANCING PIECE SO SIGNIFICANT, I  
12 MEAN...

13

14 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** IF YOU LOOK AT THE GREEN SHEET, IT HAS  
15 SPECIFIC ACTIONS. THIS IS CONFUSING. THE FIRST ONE SAYS, "MOVE  
16 FORWARD WITH PORTIONS OF THE MODIFIED PLAN THAT DO NOT REQUIRE  
17 BUDGETARY CHANGES." SO THOSE PORTIONS ARE BEING APPROVED.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD, I JUST...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, DON.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** ...I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY,  
24 SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN  
25 ABOUT GETTING TIMELY AND REIMBURSABLE FUNDS FROM E.P.S.D.T.





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1 FUNDS FOR THE SERVICE THEY PROVIDE AND WE'VE HAD THE SAME  
2 ISSUE, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **DR. MARV SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, AT LEAST TO THIS POINT, THE  
5 PROVIDER PAYMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN HELD UP WITH REGARD TO  
6 E.P.S.D.T. THE COUNTY HAS ABSORBED THAT, THOSE FUNDS, SO THE  
7 STATE OWES COUNTY MONEY. THE COUNTY DOES NOT OWE THE PROVIDERS  
8 MONEY. WE PAID THEM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW. AND THAT'S THE CONCERN HERE ON THIS PIECE  
11 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THAT, ALL OF A SUDDEN, THIS 33  
12 MILLION DOES NOT GO TO SOME OTHER PIECE THAT COMES OUT OF NET  
13 COUNTY COSTS, IS THAT CORRECT? I MEAN, THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT  
14 WE HAVE.

15

16 **DR. MARV SOUTHARD:** I THINK THE CONCERN IS THAT SOME PORTION OF  
17 IT IS PROPERLY PUT TO E.P.S.D.T. THERE'S SOME PORTION OF THE  
18 ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE DONE IN THE PLAN THAT AREN'T ELIGIBLE  
19 FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT AND THAT'S THE UNSOLVED POLICY  
20 QUESTION FOR THOSE THINGS THAT AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AND  
21 FEDERAL FUNDING, HOW WILL THEY BE PAID FOR? I THINK THAT'S  
22 REALLY THE THING WE HAVE TO WORK OUT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

2

3    **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. JANSSEN?

6

7    **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** NO, YOU'RE MOVING THE GREEN SHEET ITEM.

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WE'RE MOVING THE GREEN SHEET  
10    ITEM.

11

12    **SUP. KNABE:** WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE'S AMENDMENT.

13

14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE'S AMENDMENT.  
15    OKAY. BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
16    VOTE.

17

18    **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM 75.

19

20    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHILE THAT'S BEING BROUGHT UP, CAN  
21    I MAKE A SUGGESTION? BECAUSE IT'S CONFUSED ME NOW THE LAST TWO  
22    WEEKS. ON THE AGENDA, LIKE ON THIS ITEM, DISCUSSION ITEM,  
23    WOULD IT MAKE SENSE, BOTH ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND ON THE  
24    DISCUSSION ITEMS, TO GROUP THEM BY DEPARTMENT? BECAUSE THAT  
25    ONE WAS NOT CLEAR. I MEAN, THERE COULD HAVE BEEN THREE



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1 DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY COUNSEL, MENTAL HEALTH, D.C.F.S. AND  
2 EVERYBODY WAS LOOKING AT EACH OTHER. AND I SUSPECT THAT, IF  
3 THERE'S THAT CONFUSION TODAY, THERE WAS PROBABLY CONFUSION IN  
4 ADVANCE OF TODAY AND THERE WILL BE ON OTHER THINGS. SO IF  
5 THERE'S A WAY WE CAN FOCUS THE GROUPING, BOTH ON THE CONSENT  
6 CALENDAR, SO THAT THINGS THAT PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN, IF  
7 THEY'RE JUST INTERESTED IN MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, THEY DON'T  
8 HAVE TO GO READ THROUGH EVERY SINGLE ITEM, THEY COULD JUST  
9 LOOK AT THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, ET CETERA? TAKE A LOOK AT  
10 THAT...

11

12 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WORK WITH OUR STAFFS ON IT. 75.

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16 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CHAIR OF SUPERVISORS, AT YOUR BOARD'S  
17 REQUEST, WE HAVE PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE CONTINGENCY PLAN.  
18 WE WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE ON THE  
19 UPDATE.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THE PLAN AND OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE, YOU KNOW,  
2   SIGNIFICANTLY ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND THE IMPACTS ON OUR  
3   FACILITIES. THE CONCERNS, THOUGH, BEING AS HOW THOSE PATIENTS  
4   ARE DISPERSED, NOT ONLY WITHIN OUR SYSTEM BUT OTHERS SO, I  
5   MEAN, THERE'S ST. FRANCIS, THE DOWNEY REGIONAL, CENTINELA,  
6   KAISER, BELLFLOWER, THE LONG BEACH HOSPITALS, ARE THEY BEING  
7   APPRISED? I MEAN, THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS THERE COULD BE HUGE AS  
8   WELL, TOO.

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10   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THE  
11   PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND LET ME LET CAROL MYER, WHO HAS MET WITH  
12   THEM, GIVE YOU AN UPDATE.

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14   **CAROL MYER:** YES, WE MET WITH SEVEN OF THE HOSPITALS THAT ARE  
15   IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING M.L.K.

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17   **SUP. KNABE:** COULD YOU IDENTIFY THE SEVEN?

18

19   **CAROL MYER:** YES. THEY'RE IN OUR UPDATE. THEY INCLUDE  
20   CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, WHICH IS TO THE NORTH.  
21   CENTINELA FREEMAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO THE WEST. DOWNEY  
22   REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO THE EAST AS WELL AS KAISER AND ST.  
23   FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER TO THE EAST. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF  
24   GARDENA WHICH IS TO THE SOUTH AND WHITE ROYAL HOSPITAL WHICH  
25   IS TO THE NORTHEAST. SO THOSE HOSPITALS SURROUND M.L.K. AND



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1 WE'VE MET WITH THOSE HOSPITALS AND WE HAVE COME UP WITH A  
2 DRAFT PLAN ON HOW WE WOULD REDIRECT THE 9-1-1 TRAFFIC,  
3 DISPERSING IT TO THOSE HOSPITALS. WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING WITH  
4 THEM ON THURSDAY TO GET A LITTLE BIT MORE DOWN INTO THE  
5 NUMBERS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FOR EACH OF THE HOSPITALS.  
6 THE IMPORTANT FACT IS HERE THAT THE 9-1-1 AMBULANCES HAVE TO  
7 HAVE A PLACE TO GO. AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A URGENT PLAN THAT WE  
8 WOULD USE 20 HOSPITALS IN A 12-MILE RADIUS IF WE HAD TO  
9 SUDDENLY CLOSE THE HOSPITAL, WE CANNOT SUSTAIN THAT. THE FIRE  
10 DEPARTMENTS CAN'T SUSTAIN IT. THE E.M.S. AGENCY CAN'T SUSTAIN  
11 THAT. SO WE NEED TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE SEVEN HOSPITALS  
12 IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW, IN ADDITION TO THE COMMUNICATION WITH THE  
15 HOSPITALS, ARE THE AMBULANCE PROVIDERS, PARAMEDICS, ARE THEY  
16 BEING PART OF THIS DISCUSSION, AS WELL, TOO? BECAUSE, YOU  
17 KNOW, AS I UNDERSTAND THIS ROTATIONAL SYSTEM, THAT'S GOING TO  
18 TAKE SOME DISCIPLINE.

19

20 **CAROL MYER:** YES, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WILL TAKE SOME MONITORING TO MAKE SURE THAT  
23 THAT HAPPENS AND THEY DON'T JUST TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT AND GO  
24 WHERE IT'S CLOSEST. SO ARE THEY INVOLVED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS  
25 AS WELL, TOO?



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2 **CAROL MYER:** YES. AND, IN FACT, WE MET WITH THEM FIRST BECAUSE  
3 WHAT WAS IMPORTANT THERE WAS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE TRAFFIC  
4 PATTERNS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PROVIDER AGENCIES. AND THEY  
5 WERE ACTUALLY THE LEAD IN TELLING US WHICH HOSPITALS WOULD BE  
6 EASIEST FOR THEM TO TRAVEL TO IN THE CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
7 AROUND, DUE TO MAJOR STREETS, MAJOR FREEWAYS, TIMES OF DAY, ET  
8 CETERA. SO, YES, THEY WERE MET WITH FIRST AND THEN THE  
9 HOSPITALS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** HAVE THEY EVER BEEN IN THE SAME ROOM, THE  
12 HOSPITALS AND AMBULANCE FOLKS?

13

14 **CAROL MYER:** YEAH, WE MET IN THE SAME ROOM BEFORE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** LIKE A LITTLE TEAM LOVE-IN OR SOMETHING.

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18 **CAROL MYER:** WELL, YOU KNOW...

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT, YOU KNOW,  
21 WE'RE NOT JUST SORT OF ISOLATING DIFFERENT GROUPS AS WE HANDLE  
22 THIS POTENTIAL, THAT EVERYONE IS SORT OF IN THE SAME ROOM AND  
23 TALKING ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS AND THE IMPACT. AND I THINK  
24 THERE MIGHT BE A BETTER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IF YOU HAD  
25 EVERYONE IN THE SAME ROOM.



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**CAROL MYER:** WHEN WE FIRST TALKED ABOUT THE ROTATIONAL PLAN, WE HAD EVERYONE IN THE ROOM. SO THAT PLAN IS ONLY A VERY EMERGENT PLAN THAT WOULD BE VERY SHORT, SUSTAINABLE PLAN. THE PLAN THAT WOULD USE SEVEN HOSPITALS ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO ROTATE AND DIVIDE UP THE M.L.K. SERVICE AREA IS A PLAN THAT WE HAVE MET INITIALLY WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THEN WITH THE HOSPITALS AND NOW WE WILL GET THEM TOGETHER AFTER WE HAVE SOME AGREEMENTS AND SOME NUMBERS AND EVERYBODY'S UNDERSTANDING THE PLAN.

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**SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

13

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I ASK YOU-- YOU WANT TO DESCRIBE, IN LAYMEN'S TERMS, BRIEFLY WHAT PROGRESS YOU'VE MADE SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU WERE BEFORE THE BOARD A COUPLE WEEKS AGO IN TERMS OF THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING?

18

**DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I'D BE GLAD TO, CHAIR. I THINK THAT THE WORK FALLS IN A FEW KEY AREAS. FIRST, AS CAROL HAS OUTLINED, WE HAVE WORKED THROUGH BOTH AN EMERGENT AS WELL AS A LONG-TERM AND MORE SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO REDIRECTING AMBULANCE TRAFFIC. THE SECOND THING WE'VE DONE IS WE HAVE ENGAGED A CONSULTANT, HAMMES AND COMPANY, THAT WILL DEVELOP THE REQUEST FOR SOLUTIONS TO, AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, REOPEN THE HOSPITAL,





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1 LOOK FOR PRIVATE PARTNERS TO HELP US REOPEN THE HOSPITAL AND  
2 THAT WORK HAS BEGUN. WE HAVE DONE UPDATED WORK ON THE MAC  
3 FOOTPRINT, THE OUTPATIENT SERVICES FOOTPRINT, AS WE SHARED  
4 WITH YOUR BOARD. WE WILL CONTINUE THE ENTIRE SET OF OUTPATIENT  
5 SERVICES WE CURRENTLY HAVE AND WE WILL HAVE A 16-HOUR URGENT  
6 CARE. SO THAT WORK CONTINUES APACE. WE HAVE DEVELOPED AND  
7 FULLY VETTED THE ADDITIONAL BED CAPACITY AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS  
8 HOSPITAL, AS WELL AS HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER AND  
9 RECONFIRMED OUR WORK WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR HOSPITALS THAT WE  
10 CURRENTLY HAVE WITH US TO MANAGE THOSE PATIENTS WHO WOULD NO  
11 LONGER BE ADMITTED TO THE CURRENT M.L.K. HARBOR SITE. WE HAVE  
12 DEVELOPED OUR BILINGUAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION PLAN THAT WILL BE  
13 A MULTIMEDIA CAMPAIGN, BOTH WRITTEN MATERIALS, INFORMATION IN  
14 NEWSPAPERS, IN ENGLISH AND IN SPANISH AS WELL AS RADIO AND  
15 TEXT-- RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH INFORMATION. WE HAVE UPDATED  
16 OUR HUMAN RESOURCES PLAN. WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED THAT WORK BUT  
17 WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE C.A.O. AND D.H.R. TO  
18 THINK THROUGH THE EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SMALLER  
19 FOOTPRINT. AND WE ARE WORKING ON THE FISCAL ANALYSIS BUT DO  
20 NOT HAVE THAT DATA YET FOR YOU BECAUSE IT WILL BE DRIVEN, TO A  
21 LARGE DEGREE, BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES PIECE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE SMALLER FOOTPRINT THAT YOU'RE  
24 REFERRING TO IS SPECIFICALLY WHAT?

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1   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND URGENT  
2   CARE ONLY.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND A CLOSURE OF THE HOSPITAL  
5   FACILITY ITSELF?

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7   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** A CLOSURE OF ALL INPATIENT SERVICES AND THE  
8   EMERGENCY ROOM, CORRECT.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER  
11   HOSPITALS ABOUT TAKING OUR INPATIENT LOAD, SUCH AS IT IS RIGHT  
12   NOW, AND THE EMERGENCY ROOM LOAD, WHICH IS CONSIDERABLE, YOU  
13   CHARACTERIZED THOSE AS POSITIVE?

14

15   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CAROL'S ACTUALLY HAD THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TO CONCLUSIVE, IS THAT A BETTER  
18   WAY TO PUT IT?

19

20   **CAROL MYER:** WELL, I THINK THEY'RE-- YOU KNOW, LET'S JUST SAY  
21   THAT I STILL HAD ALL MY APPENDAGES WHEN I WALKED OUT. YOU  
22   KNOW, NOBODY'S HAPPY ABOUT IT BUT I THINK THAT THEY UNDERSTAND  
23   THAT THERE MAY NOT BE AN OPTION. AND I THINK THAT WHAT'S  
24   IMPORTANT IS THEY WANT TO BE REIMBURSED FOR, YOU KNOW, THIS  
25   CARE THAT THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING TO THESE PATIENTS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ISN'T IT A FACT THAT, IF THEY  
3 DON'T ENTER INTO SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT WITH US, THAT THE ONLY  
4 THING THAT RESULTS FROM THAT IS THEY'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE  
5 THE RESPONSIBILITY OR THE VOLUME OF ADDITIONAL PATIENT LOAD  
6 WITHOUT SOME KIND OF A RATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND REIMBURSEMENT  
7 OF THAT-- AT LEAST IN A CONTRACT WITH US FOR THAT PATIENT  
8 LOAD?

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THE ANSWER IS YES.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DOES A HOSPITAL SUCH AS ST.  
13 FRANCIS OR ANY OTHER HOSPITAL, I USE ST. FRANCIS BECAUSE IT IS  
14 THE NEAREST ONE, BUT DOES ANY HOSPITAL HAVE THE OPTION NOT TO  
15 TAKE AN EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENT IF THEY HAVE AN EMERGENCY ROOM?

16

17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** FEDERAL LAW M.T.A.L.A. REQUIRES THAT, WHEN  
18 A PATIENT PRESENTS FOR CARE, THAT THEY MUST RECEIVE ALL  
19 NECESSARY EVALUATION, TREATMENT-- AND TREATMENTS TO STABILIZE  
20 THEM. SO, ONCE YOU'RE IN THE E.R., THEY'RE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
21 SERVICE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND IF YOU'RE SUFFICIENTLY  
24 CRITICAL IN THE E.R. AND YOU'RE TRANSFERRED UPSTAIRS TO THE  
25 HOSPITAL, YOU COULD BE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SEVERAL DAYS OR



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1 LONGER, DEPENDING UPON WHAT YOUR MALADY IS, UNTIL YOU'RE  
2 STABILIZED AND READY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER FACILITY,  
3 ONE OF OUR FACILITIES, CORRECT?

4

5 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO, REALLY, THE ISSUE IS WHETHER  
8 WE DO THIS IN AN ORGANIZED RATIONAL WAY OR IN A LESS ORGANIZED  
9 OR UNORGANIZED, LESS RATIONAL OR IRRATIONAL WAY, CORRECT?

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **CAROL MYER:** WELL, THE E.M.S. AGENCY WOULD WANT TO DO IT IN AN  
14 ORGANIZED WAY WHETHER OR NOT THE HOSPITALS AGREE TO A  
15 CONTRACT. SO WE WILL WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE  
16 SURE THAT THEY HAVE A DIRECT PLACE TO GO.

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I THINK, SUPERVISOR, THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS  
19 WOULD BE COOPERATIVE. THAT WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO DESCRIBE IT  
20 AND WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THE DETAILS. THEY UNDERSTAND THE  
21 GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AND ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH US  
22 ON THE MOST THOUGHTFUL, SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD JUST SAY, TAKE THIS  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY IT PUBLICLY, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN VERY PUBLIC



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1 ABOUT-- THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS ABOUT WHAT THE STAKES ARE  
2 HERE FOR US AND WHAT THE POTENTIAL VIS-A-VIS THE C.M.S. SURVEY  
3 AND THAT KING HARBOR HOSPITAL MAY CLOSE UNDER CERTAIN  
4 CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT WE'VE TAKEN STEPS TO PREPARE FOR THAT  
5 EVENTUALITY. AS MUCH AS WE WOULDN'T LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN,  
6 WE'RE PREPARED FOR IT. IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE NOT TO. BY  
7 THE SAME TOKEN, I THINK IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE PRIVATE  
8 HOSPITALS IN THE REGION TO ALSO DEVELOP THEIR OWN CONTINGENCY  
9 PLANS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH US, TO HANDLE THE EVENTUALITY IF WE  
10 HAVE TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL EVEN TEMPORARILY, BEING 6 TO 12  
11 MONTHS BEING TEMPORARILY, SO THAT THEY ARE NOT CAUGHT OR CLAIM  
12 TO BE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE THE DAY THIS HAPPENS. IF WE HAVE TO  
13 CLOSE, HOW QUICKLY WILL A CLOSURE-- THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF  
14 STREET TALK ABOUT, "WELL, IT'S NOT GOING TO CLOSE IMMEDIATELY.  
15 IT COULD BE SIX TO 12 MONTHS BEFORE IT WOULD CLOSE. IT WILL BE  
16 TRANSITIONED." WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND WHAT IS YOUR  
17 VISION? IF WE FAIL THE C.M.S.-- I DON'T WANT TO BE PESSIMISTIC  
18 ABOUT IT BUT I WANT TO BE REALISTIC. SUPPOSE WE FAIL THE  
19 C.M.S. SURVEY, YOUR SCENARIO THAT YOU HAVE DISCUSSED BOTH  
20 PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY WITH US THAT YOU DID NOT BELIEVE YOU  
21 COULD SAFELY PROVIDE CARE IN THE HOSPITAL AND WE WOULD BE  
22 DELICENSED, HOW LONG WOULD THAT TAKE? WHAT'S YOUR  
23 UNDERSTANDING OF HOW QUICKLY THAT WOULD TRANSPIRE?  
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1   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, LET ME START BY SAYING THERE IS  
2   A TECHNICAL PROCESS WHICH I'LL LET COUNTY COUNSEL SPEAK TO.  
3   BUT, AS YOUR DIRECTOR, MY OPINION IS THAT, IF WE DIDN'T PASS  
4   SURVEY, WE WOULD LIKELY HIT A POINT IN TIME WHERE WE MIGHT  
5   FACE STAFFING CHALLENGES. I WILL NOT RUN A HOSPITAL THAT WE  
6   CANNOT STAFF SAFELY. IF WE CANNOT STAFF THE HOSPITAL SAFELY  
7   FOR ALL SERVICES THEN, AT THAT POINT, I WOULD WORK WITH THE  
8   STATE TO LET THEM KNOW THAT I BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A  
9   POTENTIAL STAFFING PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE AND WE WOULD WORK TO  
10  VOLUNTARILY SUSPEND THE LICENSE. SO THAT IS HOW WE WOULD DEAL  
11  WITH A NEAR TERM ISSUE. I THINK THAT, TECHNICALLY, THE PROCESS  
12  COULD BE LONGER.

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14  **CAROL MEYER:** SUPERVISORS, I THINK THAT THE LENGTH OF THE  
15  PROCESS IS GOING TO DEPEND UPON THE FACTS ON THE GROUND AT THE  
16  TIME. IF THERE TRULY IS A PATIENT SAFETY ISSUE, THEN I WOULD  
17  ASSUME BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE WOULD EXPECT THAT  
18  FACILITY TO CLOSE AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN GET THE PATIENTS OUT,  
19  DEPENDING UPON HOW SEVERE THE RISK IS. DAYS. IF THERE IS THE  
20  ABILITY TO KEEP THE FACILITY OPEN AND SAFE, THEN THE PROCESS  
21  WOULD INCLUDE A BEILENSEN PROCESS, POTENTIALLY THE NOTICE ON  
22  THE E.R., WHICH WE DISCUSSED LAST TIME, THAT WE'RE GETTING  
23  DIFFERING REMARKS FROM THE STATE ON, AND THE CONTINGENCY PLAN  
24  SETS FORTH THE SCHEDULE, WHICH IS MONTHS AS OPPOSED TO DAYS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT IS KIND OF-- IT'S 1984ISH  
2   TO TALK ABOUT OPERATING IT SAFE WHEN WE WILL HAVE LOST OUR  
3   CONTRACT WITH THE FEDS FOR FUNDING. MOST PEOPLE HAVE  
4   FORGOTTEN, WE LOST OUR J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION OF THIS  
5   HOSPITAL LONG AGO, CORRECT?

6

7   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE'RE OPERATING WITHOUT THE  
10   J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION. J.C.A.H.O. IS THE JOINT...

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12   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF  
13   HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE OFFICIAL OR ONE OF THE  
16   AGENCIES, OVERSIGHT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTRY THAT PASSES MUSTER  
17   ON HOSPITALS ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, CORRECT?

18

19   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THEY SAID THIS HOSPITAL  
22   DOESN'T PASS MUSTER, RIGHT?

23

24   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THAT'S CORRECT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'VE BEEN OPERATING THAT HOSPITAL  
2    WITHOUT J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION. NOW COMES THE FEDERAL  
3    GOVERNMENT, C.M.S. IF THEY CONDUCT A SURVEY AND DETERMINE THAT  
4    WE DO NOT PASS THEIR MUSTER, HOW COULD WE-- SAFE IS A MATTER  
5    OF PERSPECTIVE, I GUESS. IF I WERE A PATIENT WHO RELIED-- OR  
6    IF I WERE A RESIDENT WHO RELIED ON THIS HOSPITAL FOR SERVICE  
7    AND BASICALLY EVERY SINGLE REGULATORY AGENCY HAD CUT US OFF,  
8    CUT MY HOSPITAL OFF AND KNOWING WHAT I KNOW AND WHAT WE KNOW,  
9    THAT, WHEN THEY CAME IN AND DID THE RANDOM FILE CHECK AND  
10    ALMOST A THIRD OF THE FILES IN THOSE CASES RELATED IN THE  
11    POST-- AFTER THE RODRIGUEZ CASE AND THE PONCE CASE, THAT CLOSE  
12    TO A THIRD OF THEM WERE NOT HANDLED PROPERLY FOR ONE REASON OR  
13    ANOTHER, HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO OPERATE IT, STAFFING SHORTAGE  
14    OR NO-- STAFFING ISSUES OR NO STAFFING ISSUES? AND HOW COULD  
15    WE THEN, I KNOW THAT THE STATE, IN A MOVE, IN A PUBLIC  
16    RELATIONS MOVE TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DELICENSING KING, BUT,  
17    EVER SINCE THEY DID THAT, THEY HAVE BEEN PRIVATELY TRYING TO  
18    FIGURE OUT A WAY THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULDN'T CLOSE. AND SO IT'S  
19    A KIND OF A SCHIZOPHRENIC STATE THAT I'M WITNESSING FROM A  
20    DISTANCE. I HAVEN'T BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS AS YOU  
21    HAVE. BUT, YOU KNOW, THEY GOT THE BIG SPLASH, THE BIG HEADLINE  
22    WHEN THEY MOVED TO DELICENSE IT BUT EVERYTHING THEY'VE DONE  
23    SINCE HAS BEEN TRYING TO PROLONG THE HOSPITAL'S EXISTENCE,  
24    LET'S KEEP IT GOING FOR-- IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A MATTER OF  
25    DAYS. IT WILL BE MONTHS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE CAN DRAG THIS OUT,



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1 ALL THAT STUFF. BUT YOU'VE TOLD US THAT IT WOULD BE A MATTER  
2 OF DAYS IF YOU MADE THE DETERMINATION THAT YOU COULDN'T  
3 OPERATE IT SAFELY. THAT, IF YOU WENT UP TO THE LICENSING  
4 OFFICE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THAT THEY  
5 WOULD HAVE TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY AND THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO MOVE  
6 PEOPLE OUT OF THAT HOSPITAL IN A MATTER OF DAYS, NOT WEEKS.  
7 CERTAINLY NOT MONTHS. IS THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. MY TAKE ON IT  
10 IS THAT, IF THE HOSPITAL DOESN'T PASS, THAT WILL BE A PLACE  
11 WHERE-- I DON'T WANT TO PREDICT THE FUTURE BUT I DON'T BELIEVE  
12 WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN IF WE CAN'T PASS  
13 THE SURVEY AND BE ABLE TO MOVE ON AFTER AUGUST 15TH. SO THEN  
14 THE QUESTION BECOMES, HOW DO YOU TAKE THE NEXT STEP? THE MORE  
15 ORDERLY THE NEXT STEP IS, THE BETTER, BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST  
16 PATIENT SAFETY AT THE FACILITY BUT IT'S PATIENT SAFETY IN  
17 IMPLEMENTING THE NEW MODEL, IN GETTING PATIENTS TO OTHER SITES  
18 OF CARE, OTHER HOSPITALS. SO IT'S ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE  
19 TRANSITION, AS WELL. BUT, AS I'VE SHARED WITH YOU, I THINK  
20 THAT IN-- I THINK THAT WE WOULD FACE IMPORTANT CHALLENGES  
21 FAIRLY SHORTLY AFTER THE SURVEY THAT WOULD CAUSE US TO TAKE  
22 ACTIONS AND THOSE ACTIONS WOULD RESULT IN A CLOSURE THAT COULD  
23 HAPPEN WITHIN DAYS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THERE WILL BE-- THE TWO ISSUES  
2   THAT YOU JUST RAISED, ONE IS, IT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN AN  
3   ORDERLY WAY. THERE ARE ONLY 45 PATIENTS ROUGHLY ON THE AVERAGE  
4   NOW IN BED AT THE HOSPITAL, CORRECT?

5

6   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT COULD BE DONE, YOU TOLD  
9   ME THIS, IN AN ORDERLY FASHION ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

10

11   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** VERY QUICKLY.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** VERY QUICKLY. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE  
14   MOVING 700, 800 PATIENTS OUT OF U.C.L.A. INTO SOMETHING ELSE  
15   BECAUSE OF A PROBLEM. SO IT COULD BE QUICKLY. THE ISSUE, THEN,  
16   BECOMES THE EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENTS.

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18   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WOULD BE AN ISSUE NO MATTER  
21   WHEN YOU DO IT, WHETHER IT'S AUGUST ON 15TH OF 2007 OR ON  
22   AUGUST 15TH OF 2008. IT'S THE SAME ISSUE. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
23   GRADUALLY TRANSITION IT. YOU GOT TO MOVE IT. YOU GOT TO MAKE  
24   SOME DECISIONS BASED UPON AMBULANCE, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE  
25   EMERGENCY ROOMS IN THE REGION. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT-- AND



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1 WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT THE LONGER-- AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE  
2 WILL BE FORCES WHO WILL WANT TO KEEP THIS GOING AND NOT MAKE  
3 THE CLEAN CUT. I'M NOT ONE OF THEM, LET ME TELL YOU RIGHT NOW,  
4 IN THE WORSE CASE SCENARIO I'M TALKING ABOUT, THAT THERE WILL  
5 BE THOSE WHO WILL WANT TO KEEP THIS THING GOING FOR MONTHS  
6 AND, ONCE IT GOES ON FOR MONTHS, JUST AS WE HAD FORGOTTEN THAT  
7 WE LOST THE J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION, WE HAVEN'T BUT I THINK  
8 THE BODY OF OPINION OUT THERE HAS FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE  
9 J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION LOSS, WHICH HAS BEEN A COUPLE OF  
10 YEARS, AT LEAST, SINCE WE LOST THAT ACCREDITATION, THAT IT  
11 WILL BECOME A NEW FACT ON THE GROUND AND IT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE  
12 TO OPERATE IT THAT WAY. AND I THINK THAT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
13 MAKE A CLEAN BREAK AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THE  
14 WAY THAT INSTITUTION IS RUN, IT'S GOT TO BE SWIFT AND IT'S GOT  
15 TO BE CLEAN AND IT'S GOT TO BE PURSUANT TO THE CONTINGENCY  
16 PLAN THAT YOU'VE DEVELOPED, WHICH I THINK IS, FOR WHAT I KNOW  
17 ABOUT THIS SORT OF THING, SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE THOUGHT IT  
18 THROUGH AND YOU'VE TALKED TO THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS AND THEY  
19 DON'T FRANKLY HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE. THEY EITHER DO IT  
20 WILLINGLY OR UNWILLINGLY. AND, IF THEY DO IT WILLINGLY, WE CAN  
21 ALL BE BETTER OFF AS A RESULT AND I THINK THEY KNOW THAT. I  
22 THINK THEY'LL TRY TO LEVERAGE US IN THE MEANTIME. THEY'VE DONE  
23 IT BEFORE AND THEY'LL TRY TO DO IT AGAIN. BUT, AT THE END OF  
24 THE DAY, WE'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH THIS IF WE FACE THE WORSE CASE  
25 SCENARIO. SO THE QUESTION, THE SECOND QUESTION THAT I HAVE,



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1 THEN, IS, ONCE YOU MAKE THE DETERMINATION THAT YOU JUST  
2 ARTICULATED, WE'VE GOT TO MOVE AND GET THE STATE TO MOVE ON  
3 THE LICENSE ISSUE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND NOT GO THROUGH  
4 THIS MONTHS-LONG PROCESS OF BEILENSONS AND APPEALS AND ONE  
5 THING AND ANOTHER THAT TAKES US INTO NEXT YEAR. AND WE'D BE  
6 PAYING FOR THAT FACILITY, NOT WITH FEDERAL FUNDS BECAUSE WE  
7 WILL HAVE LOST THE FEDERAL FUNDS, WE WILL BE PAYING FOR IT OUT  
8 OF THE GENERAL FUND AND WE'D BE PROVIDING SUBSTANDARD CARE.  
9 SO, TO ME, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO DO ANYTHING BUT,  
10 AGAIN, IF WE FAIL THIS SURVEY, TO MOVE QUICKLY AND I HOPE THAT  
11 WE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM DOING THAT. I THOUGHT THAT WE HAD--  
12 THAT THE WAY THIS WAS MOVING WAS THAT THE STATE, THAT YOU  
13 WOULD MAKE CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE STATE THAT YOU'VE  
14 JUST MADE HERE AGAIN TODAY AND THAT THAT WOULD REQUIRE THEM TO  
15 ACT ACCORDINGLY AND THAT THAT WOULD BE DAYS, NOT WEEKS OR  
16 MONTHS. DO YOU WANT TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THAT?

17

18 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, BASED ON  
19 DISCUSSIONS OUR OFFICE HAS HAD WITH THE STATE ATTORNEYS AS  
20 WELL AS DR. CHERNOF HAS HAD WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS,  
21 THAT IF HE WERE TO MAKE THE CALL TO THEM AND DECLARE THAT HE  
22 FELT THAT THE FACILITY WAS UNSAFE, THEY WOULD, IN ESSENCE,  
23 TREAT THAT AS A QUESTION OF VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION AND THEY  
24 WOULD BE WILLING TO, FROM EVERYTHING WE'VE HEARD, GRANT THAT



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1 SUSPENSION AND THAT COULD BE DONE AS QUICKLY AS BOTH PARTIES  
2 FELT IT WAS NECESSARY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH COULD MEAN A MATTER OF DAYS.

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6 **LEELA KAPUR:** WHICH COULD MEAN A MATTER OF DAYS.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN, I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE  
9 HERE, THE STAFF THAT WHEN WE HAD THIS DEBATE A COUPLE, THREE  
10 WEEKS AGO ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER TO SET THE HEARING DATE FOR--  
11 - WAS IT BEILENSEN OR THE E.M.S. OR BOTH, I FORGOT, I THINK IT  
12 WAS THE E.M.S. HEARING DATE, THAT THE REASON AT LEAST I WAS  
13 SATISFIED THAT WE DIDN'T NEED TO SET THE DATE IS BECAUSE IT  
14 WOULD BE A MOOT ISSUE. IF, ON AUGUST 15TH, WE FIND OUT THAT  
15 THIS HOSPITAL HAS LOST ITS CONTRACT WITH C.M.S., THAT YOU  
16 WOULD MOVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE STATE LICENSING PEOPLE.  
17 THEY WOULD MOVE SWIFTLY, IN A MATTER OF DAYS, TO PULL THE  
18 LICENSE. THERE WOULD BE NO HEARING. THERE WOULD BE NO  
19 BEILENSEN, NO E.M.S., NOTHING, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF  
20 PUBLIC SAFETY OR WHATEVER THE LEGAL TERMINOLOGY IS AND IT  
21 WOULD BE DONE MUCH SOONER THAN THE NOVEMBER DATE WE WERE  
22 TALKING ABOUT WITH THE 90-DAY CLOCK. SO I'M COUNTING ON--  
23 BECAUSE, IF THAT'S NOT THE CASE, THEN MAYBE WE OUGHT TO  
24 RECONSIDER THE ISSUE OF SETTING THE DATE. WE DIDN'T WANT TO DO  
25 THAT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. BUT THE REASON THAT I FELT



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1 COMFORTABLE NOT DOING THAT WAS BECAUSE I THOUGHT THIS ISSUE  
2 WOULD BE RESOLVED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AT THE MIDDLE TO THE  
3 LATTER PART OF AUGUST.

4

5 **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I NEED TO REITERATE THAT IT  
6 IS, I BELIEVE, GOING TO BE DEPENDENT UPON THE FACTS AT THE  
7 TIME. IF DR. CHERNOF MAKES THAT REPRESENTATION TO THE STATE,  
8 EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE HEARD IS THAT THEY WILL WORK TO HAVE A  
9 VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE PUT INTO PLACE AS QUICKLY  
10 AS WE NEED THEM TO BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, WE NEED SOME PERIOD OF  
11 TIME TO TRANSITION THE HOSPITAL. IF DR. CHERNOF ISN'T-- IF THE  
12 FACTS DON'T LEAD TO A DETERMINATION THAT IT IS AN IMMEDIATELY  
13 UNSAFE ENVIRONMENT, WHATEVER FACTS GO INTO MAKING THAT  
14 DETERMINATION, THEN WE WOULD, I EXPECT, ASK THAT THE VOLUNTARY  
15 SUSPENSION BE PUT OFF TO A DATE FURTHER IN THE FUTURE TO ALLOW  
16 A MORE ORDERLY TRANSITION. THAT WOULD BE A DISCUSSION BETWEEN  
17 DR. CHERNOF AND THE STATE AS TO HOW MUCH TIME HE FELT WAS  
18 NEEDED AND WAS JUSTIFIED, GIVEN THE STATUS OF THE SAFETY AT  
19 THE HOSPITAL.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME WHETHER  
22 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE-- IF THEY FAIL YOU ON AUGUST 15TH,  
23 WHETHER YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A MASS EXODUS ON AUGUST 16TH. MY  
24 BET IS YOU WILL NOT HAVE A MASS EXODUS ON AUGUST 16TH. MAYBE  
25 IT WOULD BE ON SEPTEMBER 15TH. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SAY, "WELL,





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1 I DON'T WANT TO HANG AROUND HERE FOREVER, SO NOW I'LL START  
2 LOOKING." I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LOOKING RIGHT NOW.  
3 SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE IN THE WAY OF THE  
4 PROVERBIAL PROVOCATION THAT ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE THE IMMEDIATE  
5 JEOPARDY JUDGMENT. I THINK YOU CAN MAKE A-- I MEAN, HOW MUCH  
6 MORE INFORMATION DO YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT THE HOSPITAL HAS GOT  
7 JEOPARDY WHEN YOU'VE HAD ALL THIS GOING ON? YOU'VE LOST YOUR  
8 J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION, YOU WILL HAVE LOST YOUR C.M.S.  
9 CONTRACT...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK YOU SHOULD CLARIFY. YOU KEEP  
12 SAYING IT AS THOUGH J.C.A.H.O. WAS LOST, SEPARATE FROM C.M.S.  
13 IN JUNE OF 2004. WOULD YOU CLARIFY THAT SO THAT-- JUST FOR THE  
14 RECORD?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE ARE TWO. GO AHEAD. TWO  
17 SEPARATE THINGS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WAS ONE INCIDENT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE STILL HAVE THE C.M.S. CONTRACT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT J.C.A.H.O. TURNED IT OVER TO C.M.S. WHEN THE  
24 SURVEY WAS FAILED IN JUNE OF 2004.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, CLARIFY IT.

2

3    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISORS, I WAS NOT HERE IN JUNE OF 2004  
4    AND THE EVENTS THAT LED UP TO THE REMOVAL OF J.C.A.H.O. AND  
5    C.M.S. TAKING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE MAY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED. BUT  
6    THE REALITY IS THEY'RE SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT FROM ONE  
7    ANOTHER. SO YOU CAN HAVE C.M.S. ACCREDITATION AND NOT BE  
8    J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITED. AND, IN FACT, THERE ARE SOME MINOR  
9    ORGANIZATIONS, SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS, ACCREDITED HOSPITALS  
10    OTHER THAN J.C.A.H.O. SO J.C.A.H.O. IS JUST ONE ACCREDITING  
11    BODY FOR HOSPITALS.

12

13    **SUP. BURKE:** AND IN MY RECOLLECTION, IT HAD TO DO WITH THE LOSS  
14    OF SURGERY, ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE LOSS OF J.C.A.H.O.

15

16    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I BELIEVE YOU MAY BE CORRECT. I MEAN, THE  
17    LINK TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS A LINKAGE, IT COMES FROM THE  
18    FACT THAT C.M.S. USUALLY USES J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION AS A  
19    PROXY FOR C.M.S. ACCREDITATION, A TERM THAT THEY USE IS  
20    DEEMING. THEY DEEM. BUT C.M.S. STILL COMES IN AND DOES A  
21    SERIES OF VALIDATION SURVEYS EVERY YEAR AT HOSPITALS THAT ARE  
22    J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITED, SOMETHING AKIN TO 5 PERCENT A YEAR.

23

24    **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET STRAIGHT IS THE LOSS OF  
25    J.C.A.H.O. WAS TIED IN WITH THE A.C.G.M.E., WHICH WAS A



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1 RESIDENCY ISSUE INVOLVING THE LOSS OF SURGERY AND I THINK IF  
2 YOU GO BACK AND CHECK IT, YOU'LL FIND OUT THAT WAS THE  
3 SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND-- WHICH WAS NOT A CARE ISSUE. IT WAS  
4 NOT A QUALITY OF CARE ISSUE. IT WAS A LOSS OF-- ACTUALLY, IT  
5 AFFECTED, REALLY, THE FACT REALLY THAT THERE WAS NO RESIDENCY  
6 FOR SURGERY OR RADIOLOGY AT THE HOSPITAL. BUT, I MEAN, THAT'S  
7 NEITHER HERE NOR THERE BUT I DO THINK THAT...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, BUT IT IS...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** ...WHEN YOU'RE SAYING IT, YOU SHOULD BE AT LEAST  
12 CLEAR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I AM CLEAR AND I WANT TO BE  
15 CLEAR THAT I THINK YOU'VE CLARIFIED IT. THERE ARE TWO  
16 DIFFERENT ISSUES. THERE'S THE J.C.A.H.O. ISSUE AND THERE'S A  
17 C.M.S. CONTRACT ISSUE. WE DID NOT LOSE THE C.M.S. CONTRACT  
18 WHEN WE LOST J.C.A.H.O. THOSE ARE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES. AND I  
19 BEG TO DIFFER BUT I THINK THE LOSS OF J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION  
20 HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE QUALITY OF CARE. I DON'T THINK IT  
21 WAS A...

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU DON'T THINK IT WAS THE LOSS OF SURGERY?

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK LOSS OF SURGERY-- I  
2   ACTUALLY THINK IT WAS-- I DON'T RECALL THE DETAILS BUT I WOULD  
3   SUSPECT IT WAS THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT, AND THE LOSS OF SURGERY  
4   MAY HAVE BEEN THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK, I DON'T  
5   KNOW WHAT WENT THROUGH THEIR MINDS, BUT LOSS OF SURGERY WOULD  
6   SUGGEST-- LOSS OF SURGERY ACCREDITATION WOULD SUGGEST THAT  
7   THERE'S A-- OR THE FACULTY WOULD SUGGEST A QUALITY OF CARE  
8   ISSUE, AS ANESTHESIOLOGY WOULD HAVE AND AS SOME OF THE OTHERS  
9   THAT WE LOST ALONG THE WAY WOULD HAVE. SO IT IS A QUALITY OF  
10   CARE ISSUE. J.C.A.H.O. WOULD NOT PULL ITS ACCREDITATION IF  
11   THEY THOUGHT WE WERE DOING A DECENT JOB. GO AHEAD.

12

13   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I WANTED TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION YOU  
14   RAISED BECAUSE I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE. THE POINT THAT  
15   MS. KAPUR MADE IS THE CORRECT ONE, WHICH IS A DETERMINATION OF  
16   THE SAFETY OF CARE IN THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE  
17   FACTS AT THE TIME. AND WHILE I'VE USED STAFFING AS AN EXAMPLE,  
18   IT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON THAT ONE MIGHT HAVE A FINDING THAT  
19   THE HOSPITAL MIGHT NOT BE SAFE. THE SURVEY ITSELF WILL BE THE  
20   MOST TELLING RESULT. SO I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WILL  
21   WANT TO DO IS REVIEW THAT SURVEY, THOSE SURVEY RESULTS VERY  
22   CAREFULLY AND THAT COULD EASILY DRIVE A RECOMMENDATION ONE WAY  
23   OR ANOTHER TO THIS BOARD. SO THE OVERALL FACT PATTERN IS WHAT  
24   WILL DRIVE THE DECISION, JUST AS MS. KAPUR SAID.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. I DON'T  
2    THINK ANYBODY DISAGREES WITH THAT. IT SHOULD BE FACT-DRIVEN.  
3    SO I'LL STOP. BUT YOU'VE ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS. I'M JUST  
4    CONCERNED, I JUST TELL YOU. I'M CONCERNED THAT, IF WE HAVE TO  
5    GO THAT ROUTE, IF WE'RE GOING TO END UP HAVING TO GO THAT--  
6    AND I HOPE WE DON'T. I HOPE WE PASS THE SURVEY AND THAT THINGS  
7    START TO LOOK UP AND THAT WE HAVE TURNED A CORNER AND WE'RE ON  
8    THE ROAD TO RECOVERY, WHICH IS GOING TO BE HARD ENOUGH. IF WE  
9    PASS THE SURVEY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A STEEP MOUNTAIN TO  
10   CLIMB. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. THERE WILL BE PEOPLE  
11   WHO WANT US TO CLOSE THE FACILITY EVEN IF IT PASSES THE SURVEY  
12   AS YOU SEE IN SOME OF THE OPINION PIECES THAT HAVE BEEN  
13   WRITTEN IN THE LAST WEEK. I'M NOT IN THAT CATEGORY. BUT, IF  
14   THE WORST CASE HAPPENS AND WE HAVE TO TAKE BITTER MEDICINE,  
15   THE SOONER WE DO IT THE BETTER. WE'VE PROLONGED THIS A LONG  
16   TIME IN GOOD FAITH. AND I SAY IT AGAIN. I THINK WE DID THE  
17   RIGHT THING IN TRYING TO FIX THIS HOSPITAL WHILE WE KEPT IT  
18   OPEN. EVERYBODY THOUGHT WE DID THE RIGHT THING, INCLUDING OUR  
19   FAVORITE EDITORIAL BOARDS, WHO SAID IT WOULD BE A DISASTER IF  
20   WE CLOSED THE HOSPITAL JUST A YEAR AGO, LESS THAN A YEAR AGO.  
21   BUT WE NOW FACE A DIFFERENT SET OF FACTS AND IF WE'RE GOING TO  
22   HAVE TO MAKE A SWIFT CHANGE, IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A  
23   CHANGE, BETTER WE DO IT SWIFTLY THAN PROLONG IT BECAUSE, AT  
24   THE END OF THE DAY, PROLONGING IT, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO SUFFER  
25   ARE THE-- ARE OUR CLIENTS AND THE SOONER WE CAN GET OUR



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1 CLIENTS BACK TO A HIGH STANDARD OF MEDICAL CARE, THE BETTER.  
2 AND LET'S HOPE THAT DOESN'T-- THAT ISN'T NECESSITATED BUT  
3 WORSE CASE SCENARIO IS THE WAY I OPERATE. THAT WAY, WE CAN'T  
4 BE DISAPPOINTED. IF WE PASS, WE CAN HEAVE A SIGH OF RELIEF AND  
5 IF WE DON'T PASS, WE'RE NOT SHOCKED. I DON'T THINK WE WILL BE  
6 SHOCKED EITHER WAY. OKAY. I'M DONE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
9 RECOGNIZING ME. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO CLARIFY THIS AND I  
10 WANTED TO GET THIS. J.C.A.H.O. BASED THEIR WITHDRAWAL ON THE  
11 JUNE 4TH, C.M.S. FAILED SURVEY. THEY WERE NOT TWO SEPARATE  
12 SURVEYS. NOW, THE A.C.G.M.E. WAS THE ONE THAT WAS BASED ON  
13 SURGERY AND ON RADIOLOGY. THE J.C.A.H.O. WAS BASED ON PHARMACY  
14 AND NURSING. NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS, SINCE WE'RE GIVING  
15 SPEECHES MORE SO THAN QUESTIONS, IS THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT IT  
16 WOULD BE A DECISION REALLY BASED UPON THE MEDICAL CONDITION  
17 AND MEDICAL SITUATION, THAT IT WOULD REALLY BE BASED ON  
18 WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS STAFF THERE TO PROVIDE CARE AND  
19 THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT I SAY. I DON'T WANT TO TRY TO  
20 PROLONG SOMETHING THAT IS NOT WORKING BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
21 SEE AN ORDERLY TRANSITION BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE-- YOU  
22 CAN SAY ALL ABOUT HAVING ALL THE EDUCATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE  
23 AND HAVING ALL OF THIS OUTPOURING OF INFORMATION IN THE  
24 COMMUNITY, YOU'RE GOING TO STILL HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE  
25 GOING TO BE WALKING UP THERE LOOKING FOR CARE. YOU'RE GOING TO



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1 HAVE PEOPLE WHO SOMEONE IS DROPPING THEM OFF THERE AND PEOPLE  
2 WHO ARE PROBABLY VERY SERIOUSLY ILL OR VERY, IN MANY  
3 INSTANCES, PROBABLY, HAVE BEEN SHOT OR SUBJECT TO SOME KIND OF  
4 VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. SO MY FEELING IS IT NEEDS TO BE DONE  
5 IN A ORDERLY WAY AND I HOPE IT'S A MEDICAL DECISION AND IT'S A  
6 STAFF DECISION BASED UPON THE FACTS RATHER THAN ANY DESIRE IN  
7 TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO RUSH AND GET IT DONE RIGHT.  
8 I WOULD THINK THAT, THE WAY, IN OTHER HOSPITALS THAT-- AND  
9 I'VE WATCHED SOME HOSPITALS CLOSE, CERTAINLY HAD AN EXPERIENCE  
10 OF SEEING THEM BUT THEY DID IT IN A ORDERLY WAY. YOU KNOW, I  
11 THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING IN TERMS OF THE  
12 STAFF. NOW, MAYBE ON THE DAY AFTER, IF THE SURVEY IS NOT  
13 PASSED, MAYBE EVERYBODY ON THE STAFF WILL SAY I QUIT. OR  
14 TRANSFER ME TOMORROW. AND, IF THAT'S THE SITUATION, I WOULD  
15 UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT, IF IT'S NOT, I WOULD ASSUME THAT YOU  
16 WOULD DO IT IN A ORDERLY MANNER.

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING I WANT A  
19 FAVORABLE OUTCOME. THE STAFF HAS WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD. THIS  
20 TEST IS IN THE HANDS OF THE STAFF AT THE FACILITY AND THEY  
21 NEED TO DEMONSTRATE COMPASSIONATE CARE, CONSISTENT WITH  
22 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, DONE TIMELY AND DOCUMENTED CORRECTLY  
23 IN THE CHART. I BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN DO THAT BUT IT'S THEIR  
24 TEST AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE AND WANT A FAVORABLE OUTCOME  
25 BECAUSE KEEPING THE HOSPITAL OPEN WITHOUT A BREAK IN SERVICE





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1 WOULD BE THE BEST OUTCOME. AND, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
2 OBSERVED, THAT DOES NOT-- THAT'S THE BEGINNING POINT OF A VERY  
3 LONG REBUILD IF THAT HAPPENS. NOBODY CAN TAKE A DEEP BREATH AT  
4 THAT POINT. WE BEGIN A LONG PROCESS OF REBUILDING A HOSPITAL.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE HAVE REACHED A MINIMUM STANDARD AND WE  
9 NEED TO BUILD FROM THERE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S RIGHT.

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** MY COMMITMENT TO ALL OF YOU-- AND MAYBE  
14 THIS IS A GOOD POINT TO HAVE A DIRECTOR WHO IS ALSO A  
15 PHYSICIAN IS THAT WE WILL MAKE A DECISION. MY EXECUTIVE TEAM  
16 AND THE LEADERSHIP IN THE FACILITY WILL MAKE A DECISION BASED  
17 ON THE MEDICAL FACTS AND GIVE YOU OUR BEST GUIDANCE BECAUSE  
18 ORDERLY IS IMPORTANT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING FOR RATHER THAN IT BE  
21 A POLITICAL DECISION OR A POSITION TO SATISFY ANYONE, WHETHER  
22 IT'S THE COMMUNITY OR WHETHER IT'S TO SATISFY A NEWSPAPER OR  
23 TO SATISFY WHOEVER. ALL I ASK IS THAT IT BE A MEDICAL  
24 DECISION. AND ANOTHER ISSUE THAT I WANT TO REALLY ASK-- NOW I  
25 WANT TO ASK A QUESTION. IS THERE ANY WAY TO SHORTEN OR TO HAVE



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1 SOME KIND OF CONTINUUM OF SERVICE? NOW, I UNDERSTAND THERE'LL  
2 BE URGENT CARE THERE AND OUTPATIENT BUT, ON THIS PLAN, I  
3 GATHER THAT YOU WOULD CONTRACT OUT URGENT CARE OR THAT WOULD  
4 BE THE PLAN. WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE IN TERMS OF URGENT CARE IF  
5 YOU'RE GOING TO BE CONTRACTING IT OUT AND HOW IS THAT GOING TO  
6 WORK?

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** WE ALREADY HAVE DEVELOPED AN R.F.I. THAT WOULD  
9 GO OUT SO THAT WE WOULD TRANSITION EITHER THE CURRENT URGENT  
10 CARE PROVIDER TO A NEW R.F.I. OR CONTINUE THE CURRENT PROCESS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE ON THAT?

13

14 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, IT CAN BE DONE AS FAST AS WE PUSH IT TO BE  
15 DONE. JOHN?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SURVEY AT  
18 ALL, WHETHER OR NOT THE URGENT CARE IS GOING TO BE CONTRACTED  
19 OUT OR IS IT BASED UPON THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY?

20

21 **CAROL MEYER:** IT'S CURRENTLY CONTRACTED OUT THROUGH THE-- AS  
22 PART OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** EMERGENCY ROOM, YES.

25



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1   **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT, WITH THE CURRENT PROVIDER OF THE EMERGENCY  
2   ROOM.

3

4   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THAT CONTRACT TERMINATES. AND WHEN DOES IT  
5   TERMINATE? THE CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE NOW? SO YOU'RE GOING TO  
6   HAVE TO HAVE A NEW CONTRACT TO PROVIDE URGENT CARE.

7

8   **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

9

10   **JOHN COCHRAN:** THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA  
11   EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS TERMINATES IN DECEMBER.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. WHAT DO WE DO? WE PREPAY THEM BEFOREHAND?  
14   DOES THAT CONTRACT HAVE A PROVISION THAT, IF WE TERMINATE IT  
15   EARLY, HOW DOES THAT WORK?

16

17   **JOHN COCHRAN:** IT HAS A TERMINATION PROVISION IN THE EVENT THE  
18   HOSPITAL LOSES ITS LICENSE OR ACCREDITATION.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** AND HOW MANY DAYS DO WE GIVE THEM ON THAT? OR IS  
21   IT IMMEDIATE?

22

23   **JOHN COCHRAN:** I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER.

24



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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR, WITH  
2 THAT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. SEE, WHAT I WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND  
5 IS WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME CONTINUUM OF CARE.  
6 IF THAT CONTRACT IS TERMINATED AND THEY PULL OUT IMMEDIATELY,  
7 THEN WHO IS GOING TO OPERATE URGENT CARE? BECAUSE EVERYONE'S  
8 BEEN TALKING ABOUT THERE WOULD STILL BE URGENT CARE THERE,  
9 THERE WOULD STILL BE OUTPATIENT BUT I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW THE  
10 SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WOULD WORK IF YOU TERMINATE THE PRESENT  
11 CONTRACT HOLDER.

12

13 **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I WOULD NEED TO LOOK AT THE  
14 CONTRACT AGAIN TO UNDERSTAND THE EXACT TERMINATION PROVISIONS  
15 BUT I WOULD SPECULATE THERE IS THE ABILITY TO TERMINATE THE  
16 CONTRACT IN PART SO YOU COULD TERMINATE THE EMERGENCY ROOM  
17 SERVICES AND MAINTAIN THE URGENT CARE SERVICES UNTIL YOU AMEND  
18 THE CONTRACT OR BRING IN A NEW PROVIDER.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT IT PROVIDES?

21

22 **PATRICIA PLOEHM:** YEAH, I WILL CLARIFY THAT BUT I WOULD HOPE...

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WELL, IF IT PROVIDES THAT, OF COURSE,  
25 THERE'S NO PROBLEM. BUT THE FACT THAT YOU WERE LOOKING AT



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1 HAVING A NEW CONTRACT FOR URGENT CARE GAVE ME PAUSE TO BELIEVE  
2 THAT PERHAPS THAT THE EMERGENCY CONTRACT WAS AN EMERGENCY  
3 CONTRACT THAT WOULD BE TERMINATED AND THAT YOU WOULD THEN HAVE  
4 ANOTHER R.F.I. FOR ANOTHER PERSON-- ANOTHER COMPANY TO PROVIDE  
5 THE URGENT CARE. SO, AT ANY RATE, THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS  
6 THAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO FIND OUT. OBVIOUSLY, I WOULD CERTAINLY  
7 LIKE TO SEE THAT THERE IS SOME CONTINUUM OF CARE. AND ALSO  
8 THAT, WHATEVER THE PERIOD OF TIME IS, IF IT HAD TO BE CLOSED  
9 DOWN-- AND WOULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT YOU SEE AS THE MINIMUM  
10 TIME? I KEEP HEARING YEAR. IS THAT THE MINIMUM TIME YOU SEE IN  
11 ORDER TO BE ABLE TO GET SOMEONE TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY?

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I ACTUALLY THINK IT IS--  
14 SUPERVISOR, I THINK THAT THE PROCESS OF CLOSING AND REOPENING  
15 THE WHOLE HOSPITAL PROBABLY IS A YEAR, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE  
16 PARTNERS LOOK LIKE WHO COME FORWARD. IF THEY COME FORWARD IN A  
17 WAY THAT'S REASONABLE, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT PARTS COULD BE  
18 OPENED SOONER. THAT WOULD BE A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THAT PRIVATE  
19 HOSPITAL PARTNER, STATE LICENSING. I THINK WE'D ALL LIKE TO  
20 SEE SERVICES BROUGHT UP QUICKLY, LESS THAN A YEAR IF POSSIBLE,  
21 BUT THAT REALLY WILL COME DOWN TO WHO THE PARTNER IS, WHAT THE  
22 STATE IS WILLING TO ALLOW, WHAT THE PRIVATE PARTNER CAN STAFF.  
23 SO I'D RATHER-- I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU TOO SHORT AND HAVE IT  
24 TURN OUT TO BE...

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT, IN READING THIS, IT  
2   SAID THREE MONTHS IN ORDER TO JUST GET AN R.F.I. PREPARED. AND  
3   THEN, AFTER THAT, TO GO OUT, IT WOULD TAKE ANOTHER YEAR TO GET  
4   THE RESPONSE OR NINE MONTHS TO GET THE RESPONSE.

5

6   **JOHN COCHRAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHAT WE INTENDED TO SAY, IN  
7   THE PLAY ON WAS THAT THE THREE MONTHS WOULD INCLUDE THE  
8   DEVELOPMENT, SOLICITATION AND RECEIPT OF RESPONSES IN THE  
9   THREE MONTHS. AND IF WE DIDN'T SAY THAT CLEARLY, THAT'S WHAT  
10   WE...

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** IT SAID PHASE 1 WAS, I GATHER, THE R.F.I. AND THEN  
13   PHASE 2, WHICH WOULD TAKE 12 MONTHS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE  
14   USUALLY DUE DILIGENCE IS REVIEWING THE R.F.I. ON POTENTIAL  
15   OPERATORS.

16

17   **JOHN COCHRAN:** THE TIMELINE THAT'S IN THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS  
18   DEVELOPED WITH HAMMES, OUR CONSULTANT ON THIS PROJECT,  
19   INDICATED THAT THEY WILL CONDUCT THE DUE DILIGENCE-- THE  
20   FINANCIAL DUE DILIGENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ACTUAL  
21   NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S WHAT THE DUE  
22   DILIGENCE...

23

24   **SUP. BURKE:** SO, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THAT WOULD BE CLARIFIED  
25   BECAUSE I'M CERTAIN EVERYONE IS READING THIS AND IT'S BEEN



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1 WIDELY CIRCULATED THAT, FIRST OF ALL, JUST TO DEVELOP THE  
2 R.F.I. WOULD TAKE THREE MONTHS. AND THEN TO NEGOTIATE OR TO  
3 GET AND EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL OPERATORS WOULD TAKE-- ACTUALLY  
4 IT SAYS ACTUALLY 12 MONTHS. SO THE MINIMUM HERE THEY'RE  
5 TALKING ABOUT IS ABOUT A YEAR AND THREE MONTHS.

6

7 **JOHN COCHRAN:** YES, IT'S 15 MONTHS IN AGGREGATE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT THEY'RE SAYING HERE, IF THERE'S A POSSIBILITY  
10 THAT IT BE DONE IN ANOTHER TIMEFRAME, I'D BE INTERESTED TO  
11 HEAR THAT. OBVIOUSLY, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING SERVICES  
12 THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND-- BECAUSE THERE IS A COMMUNITY  
13 IN NEED. AND I ALSO THINK THAT SOMEHOW YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS THE  
14 ISSUE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE COMING THERE AND  
15 THEY'RE GOING TO COME THERE BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW. YOU SAY  
16 YOU WOULD NEVER GO THERE. BUT, IF YOU GO THERE TODAY, NO, I  
17 SAID YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD WANT, IF YOU GOT ALL OF THESE  
18 THINGS AND ALL THIS INFORMATION, YOU WOULD THINK A PERSON  
19 WOULDN'T GO THERE. WELL, IF YOU GO THERE TODAY, THAT EMERGENCY  
20 ROOM'S PROBABLY FULL AND THAT'S THE REALITY OF IT, TODAY. WITH  
21 ALL THE REPORTS AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE COME UP, YOU  
22 STILL HAVE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SITTING THERE AND THEY'RE REAL  
23 PEOPLE. SO THIS IS NOT REALLY SOMETHING THAT'S LIKE A DEBATE  
24 OR A DISCUSSION. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REAL PEOPLE AND REAL  
25 LIVES. I DO HAVE A MOTION BECAUSE ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT





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1 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT I'M NOT CLEAR ON WHAT THE  
2 SITUATION IS IF THE C.M.S. CERTIFICATION IS TERMINATED AS IT  
3 RELATES TO THOSE RESIDENTS. AND IT MAY NEVER BE THE INTENTION  
4 TO HAVE A TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE FUTURE. BUT CERTAINLY IT  
5 WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR 252 RESIDENT SLOTS TO BE LOST. AND SO  
6 WHAT I'M ASKING FOR IS FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK  
7 ON BASICALLY WHAT THE CONGRESSIONAL HISTORY IS AS IT RELATES  
8 TO THOSE SLOTS, WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESENT RESIDENTS WHO HAVE  
9 THOSE SLOTS ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO THE CONCLUSION  
10 OF THEIR RESIDENCY, AND ALSO WHAT IT WOULD TAKE, LEGISLATIVELY  
11 OR BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, IN ORDER TO REGAIN THE SLOTS OR  
12 PREVENT THE SLOTS FROM BEING LOST IN THE EVENT THAT C.M.S.  
13 TERMINATES THE CERTIFICATION. THAT IS A REPORT BACK. BUT THIS  
14 SECOND PART OF THE MOTION WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD THEN, IN THE  
15 EVENT-- THAT WE WOULD REALLY IMMEDIATELY START HAVING SOMEONE  
16 FROM OUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM LOOK AT HOW THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD  
17 AND IDENTIFY A MECHANISM TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF THOSE SLOTS.  
18 AND THAT WOULD HAVE TO GO OVER TO NEXT WEEK, I ASSUME.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST A FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR MOTION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I THINK SO.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE REPORT BACK.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE REPORT BACK WE CAN DO NOW. GO  
2   AHEAD, MR. KNABE.

3

4   **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT WE WOULD-- IT WOULD TAKE LEGISLATIVE  
5   CHANGE, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, RIGHT?

6

7   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I'M NOT SURE WHETHER IT TAKES A BILL OR IF  
8   IT JUST TAKES SOME LANGUAGE IN AN APPROPRIATION REPORT. THAT'S  
9   WHAT I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO REALLY GET CLEAR  
10   BECAUSE I'VE HEARD DIFFERENT THINGS. I'VE HEARD THAT IT WAS IN  
11   A REPORT SOMEWHERE, THEN I'VE HEARD IT WAS LEGISLATION THAT  
12   WENT THROUGH. SO I'D REALLY LIKE TO GET THAT CLARIFIED. IT  
13   MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT'S FAIRLY SIMPLE BECAUSE I SUSPECT SOME  
14   OF OUR SENATORS-- ONE OF OUR SENATORS WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED  
15   IN TRYING TO ASSIST US WITH IT.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE I'VE NOT HEARD THAT IT'S ADMINISTRATIVE. I  
18   HEARD IT WAS LEGISLATIVE, THAT WE COULDN'T...

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** NO, NO, I DIDN'T SAY ADMINISTRATIVE. I SAID REPORT  
21   LANGUAGE IN THE APPROPRIATION BILL I HAD HEARD AT ONE TIME.  
22   THAT IT WAS NOT A BILL BUT IT WAS LANGUAGE IN, JUST LIKE MANY  
23   THINGS ARE, THAT IT WAS LANGUAGE IN A REPORT AND I HAD HEARD  
24   THAT-- SO IF IT'S REPORT LANGUAGE, ANY SENATOR COULD GO IN AND  
25   PUT THAT BACK IN AND CORRECT THAT REPORT. BUT, IF IT'S A BILL,



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1 WE HAVE TO GET SOMEONE TO INTRODUCE IT OR TO ATTACH IT TO  
2 SOMETHING ELSE, WHICH IS A REAL PROBLEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST...?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YOUR REPORT STATES THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS  
9 CONTINGENCY PLAN IS VIABLE FOR ONLY A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME OR  
10 A SHORT-TERM BASIS. HOW SHORT IS THAT AND THEN WHAT?

11

12 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I THINK THE CONTINGENCY PLAN, SUPERVISOR  
13 KNABE, IS MEANT TO TAKE US FROM THE PERIOD OF CLOSURE, IF WE  
14 HAVE TO MAKE THAT CHOICE, TO THE PERIOD OF REOPENING. IT'S  
15 MEANT TO COVER ALL OF THE PHASES. WHAT WE WOULD DO IN THE VERY  
16 NEAR TERM, WHAT WE WOULD DO IN THE LONGER TERM AS WE PREP FOR  
17 REOPENING AND THEN THE PROCESS OF REOPENING.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IT'S THAT TIMELINE WOULD BE SOMETHING SIMILAR  
20 TO WHAT YOU DISCUSSED WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE AS A 12 TO 15  
21 MONTH KIND OF SHORTENS-- IS THAT SHORT-TERM, I MEAN, OR IS IT  
22 90 DAYS. I MEAN, I...

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THE PLAN DESCRIBES A SHORT TERM IMMEDIATE  
25 SOLUTION, WHICH WAS THE ONE MS. MYER DESCRIBED, THE 20



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1 HOSPITALS. BUT THE MORE COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION WITH THE  
2 IMPACTED HOSPITALS AND REDRAWING AMBULANCE LINES, REBALANCING  
3 OUR HOSPITAL BEDS, BOTH IN OUR SYSTEM AND WORKING WITH THE  
4 PRIVATE SECTOR, THAT SHOULD TAKE US THROUGH THE 12 TO 15  
5 MONTHS TO REOPEN THE HOSPITAL.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OBVIOUSLY, WITH THE POTENTIAL TESTING UPON US AND  
8 THE AUGUST 15TH DATE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH, THIS BOARD HAS  
9 ASKED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS FOR A MORE DETAILED FINANCIAL  
10 ANALYSIS ON THE IMPACT ON US AS A COUNTY. WE'RE VERY CLOSE SO  
11 AT WHAT POINT DO WE GET THAT INFORMATION?

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE COMPLETING THE ANALYSIS  
14 OF THE STAFFING MODEL FOR THE OUTPATIENT SERVICES IN LIGHT OF  
15 THE HOSPITAL CLOSURE, LOOKING AT THE NUMBER OF STAFF THAT THEN  
16 WOULD BE IMPACTED AND HOW THOSE MITIGATIONS MIGHT OCCUR. THE  
17 LABOR COSTS ARE CRITICAL TO GIVING YOUR BOARD CLEAR GUIDANCE  
18 ON THE FINANCIALS. MY HUNCH IS THAT WE ARE AT LEAST SEVERAL  
19 WEEKS AWAY FROM HAVING REASONABLE INFORMATION FOR YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** SEVERAL WEEKS COULD BE UP AGAINST-- SEVERAL WEEKS  
22 IS AUGUST 15TH.

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE CAN TRY AND HAVE IT SOONER.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE  
4    QUESTION FROM YOUR REPORT. ON PAGE 2, TOWARDS THE BOTTOM, THE  
5    SECOND LAST PARAGRAPH, IT SAYS, "A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE MAC  
6    WILL BE THE URGENT CARE CENTER TO HANDLE UNSCHEDULED,  
7    NONURGENT WALK IN PATIENTS." IS THAT A TERM OF ART? I MEAN,  
8    IT'S URGENT CARE BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH NONURGENT  
9    PATIENTS? WHAT IS AN URGENT PATIENT?

10

11   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I THINK THE WORDING WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER  
12   IF IT SAID NON-EMERGENT PATIENTS.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. OR  
15   YOU COULD JUST CALL IT A NONURGENT CARE CENTER BUT THAT WOULD  
16   KIND OF...

17

18   **CAROL MEYER:** SHOULD HAVE BEEN NON-EMERGENT.

19

20   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE CAN ADD YOU TO OUR EDITORIAL TEAM.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF THE ROLE OF  
23   HARBOR U.C.L.A. AND METRO CARE IN THE EVENTUALITY THAT THE  
24   CONTINGENCY PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED AND THE HOSPITAL CLOSING FOR A  
25   PERIOD OF TIME AND WE'RE DISPERSING PEOPLE INTO THE REGION?



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1 WHAT IS THE FATE OF METRO CARE AND THE ROLE SPECIFICALLY OF  
2 HARBOR U.C.L.A.?

3

4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** METRO CARE WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE YOU NEED  
5 AN OPERATING STRUCTURE FOR THE OUTPATIENT SERVICES THAT ARE  
6 COUNTY OWNED AND OPERATED IN THAT REGION. YOU WILL NEED AN  
7 INTERFACE WITH THE IMPACT OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS. WE WILL NEED  
8 AN INTERFACE WITH WHATEVER PARTNER, IF THERE IS A PARTNER THAT  
9 STEPS UP TO TAKE-- TO REOPEN THE HOSPITAL. SO METRO CARE WILL  
10 CONTINUE TO PLAY A ROLE IN THIS TRANSITION. THEY WILL HELP  
11 OPERATIONALIZE A CONTINGENCY PLAN. HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL  
12 CENTER WILL THEN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES ON ITS OWN  
13 FOOTPRINT BUT WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DEALING WITH THESE  
14 MOVING ELEMENTS OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAD SOME PEOPLE THAT  
17 WANTED TO BE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND  
18 ARNOLD SACHS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD MOVE MY AMENDMENT. THE REST OF IT WAS  
21 INFORMATION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, IT'S ON THE TABLE. WE WILL  
24 ACT ON IT AFTER THE PUBLIC IS HEARD. I'LL SECOND IT FOR THE  
25 SECOND ON THAT MOTION? DR. CLAVREUL?



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
3 I TELL YOU WHAT, I APPRECIATE YOU LETTING ME LISTEN TO THE  
4 REPORT BEFORE SAYING ANYTHING BUT LET ME TELL YOU IT'S CLEAR  
5 AS MUD THE INFORMATION WE GOT THIS MORNING. I THINK WE  
6 RECEIVED VERY LITTLE SPECIFICS TO REALLY MAKE A VERY  
7 KNOWLEDGEABLE DECISION SO I DON'T THINK I CAN SAY MUCH TO THE  
8 INFORMATION WE RECEIVED TODAY. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO  
9 LISTEN FIRST, THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. MR. SACHS LEFT SO  
12 WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE TO BE HEARD. SO WE HAVE MS. BURKE'S  
13 MOTION. WE HAVE A REPORT BACK. IS THAT WHAT WE'RE ACTING ON?

14

15 **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE YOU CAN ACT ON THE  
16 ENTIRE MOTION AS IT RELATES TO THE ITEM IN FRONT OF YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE  
19 APPROVED. ON YOUR MOTION, YEAH.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE REPORT IS NOTED AND WE'LL  
24 GET ONGOING REPORTS. ALL RIGHT, MS. BURKE, YOU'RE STILL UP.

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET ME MAKE AN ADJOURNING  
4    MOTION.

5

6    **SUP. BURKE:** OH, MAY I MAKE ONE FURTHER ADJOURNMENT? I'M SORRY.  
7    LET ME ADD ONE ADJOURNMENT. THELMA MAY WILLIAMS WELLS, WHO  
8    WORKED AS A NURSING CLINICAL ADMINISTRATOR, EDUCATOR AND  
9    DEVELOPER FOR OVER 40 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HER LAST  
10    ASSIGNMENT AS PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND DEVELOPER AT CHARLES R.  
11    DREW COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH. SHE RECEIVED A NURSING DIPLOMA  
12    IN ST. LOUIS, A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND MASTERS' DEGREE IN  
13    PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM PEPPERDINE. SHE PASSED AWAY JULY  
14    9TH. THANK YOU.

15

16    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT  
17    WILL BE THE ORDER. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
18    MEMORY OF LADY BIRD JOHNSON, WHO PASSED AWAY SINCE OUR LAST  
19    MEETING.

20

21    **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS.

22

23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS. WIFE OF THE LATE  
24    PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON. AND I THINK HER CONTRIBUTION TO OUR  
25    COUNTRY HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED IN THE RECENT DAYS, IN THE



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1 AFTERMATH OF HER DEATH, ON THE ENVIRONMENT, ON THE  
2 BEAUTIFICATION OF THE HIGHWAYS PROGRAM, AND WHAT IS REALLY--  
3 IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED BUT IT HASN'T REALLY GOTTEN THE KIND OF  
4 PLAY THAT I THINK IT SHOULD IS WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THE L.B.J.  
5 TAPES, WHICH I THINK I'VE LISTENED TO THEM 100 TIMES NOW, THE  
6 ONES THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED, HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH HER  
7 REALLY INDICATE, REALLY REVEAL HOW MUCH OF AN INFLUENCE ON HIM  
8 SHE WAS AND HOW SHREWD AND KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SOPHISTICATED SHE  
9 WAS ON SO MANY POLITICAL THINGS AND ASPECTS AND SOMETHING YOU  
10 NEVER GOT IN 1960S TELEVISION. SHE WAS ALWAYS IN THE  
11 BACKGROUND. SHE WAS ALWAYS THE DUTIFUL FIRST LADY BUT SHE WAS  
12 ANYTHING-- SHE WAS CERTAINLY A DUTIFUL FIRST LADY BUT SHE WAS  
13 A LOT MORE THAN THAT AND THAT COMES ACROSS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE  
14 PEOPLE TO LISTEN TO THE TAPES TO GET A SENSE OF WHO SHE WAS.  
15 CERTAINLY GET A SENSE OF WHO LYNDON JOHNSON WAS BUT I GOT A  
16 RENEWED RESPECT FOR MRS. JOHNSON FROM THAT EXPERIENCE. ALL  
17 MEMBERS. SHE LIVED A FULL LIFE. SHE MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION  
18 TO THIS COUNTRY. I ALSO HAVE SOME ADJOURNING MOTIONS I WANT TO  
19 READ FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I WANT TO ASK ON HER BEHALF THAT  
20 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WELL KNOWN DOWNTOWN ARTS DISTRICT  
21 ACTIVIST JOEL BLOOM, WHO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE METRO GOLD  
22 LINE EAST SIDE EXTENSION REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE. JOEL WAS  
23 PASSIONATELY DEVOTED TO THE ARTS AND BECAME KNOWN AS AN  
24 UNOFFICIAL MAYOR OF OUR DOWNTOWN ARTS DISTRICT. HIS ADVOCACY  
25 ON BEHALF OF ARTISTS WAS WELL KNOWN. RECENTLY, HE WAS HONORED



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1 FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS WITH A SIGN ON EAST THIRD STREET AND  
2 TRACTION AVENUE, DECLARING THE AREA JOEL BLOOM SQUARE. HE IS  
3 SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER, TWO BROTHERS AND TWO GRANDPARENTS. ON  
4 BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
5 MEMORY OF COTILDE GRIJALVA WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 9TH AT THE AGE  
6 OF 104. SHE WAS BORN IN EL SALVADOR AND LATER BECAME A UNITED  
7 STATES CITIZEN AND LAST LIVED IN BURBANK. SHE OPERATED A SMALL  
8 BUSINESS IN EL SALVADOR AND WAS A HOMEMAKER. HER GRANDDAUGHTER  
9 WORKED WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 30 YEARS. JACK  
10 SCHLECHT DIED AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS A RETIRED SERGEANT OF  
11 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHERE HIS LAST  
12 ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THE MALIBU STATION. JOSEPH HOFFMAN MEREDITH  
13 DIED AT THE AGE OF 87. PERFORMED IN THE HIGH AERIAL TRAPEZE  
14 WITH THE FLYING ALEXANDERS AND TRAINED AS AN OLYMPIC GYMNAST  
15 CANDIDATE BUT WAS DRAFTED INTO THE NAVY IN WORLD WAR II. SINCE  
16 1956, HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING  
17 ENGINEERS AND TAUGHT MACHINE SHOP TECHNOLOGY AT L.A. TRADE  
18 TECH. LARRY DELGADO, VIETNAM WAR VETERAN AWARDED THE NATIONAL  
19 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, COMBAT  
20 INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE, ARMY COMMENDATION, THE BRONZE STAR, SHARP  
21 SHOOTER, PURPLE HEART. LARRY WENT TO WORK AT THE VETERANS'  
22 HOSPITAL IN SEPULVEDA. HE AND HIS WIFE, CARMEN, MANAGED THE  
23 SANTA CLARITA HOMELESS SHELTER, COORDINATING WITH THE SANTA  
24 CLARITA VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FOOD AND  
25 CLOTHING. HE WAS THE OWNER OF THE DELGADO AND SONS, A CONCRETE



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1 PUMPING COMPANY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THOSE ARE  
2 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. OKAY.  
3 LET'S GET BACK TO THE AGENDA.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON YOUR ITEMS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 17? YEAH, I HAD HELD 17. I  
8 NOTICE SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD ASKED THAT IT BE CONTINUED. I  
9 THINK HER FOCUS WAS ON THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT.

10

11 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, WE UNDERSTAND HERS WAS ON NUMBER 2 NOT  
12 ON RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 1 WHICH IS THE COLA.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD MOVE THAT WE DIVIDE THAT  
15 QUESTION AND CONTINUE THE P.R. CONTRACT UNTIL NEXT WEEK BUT  
16 MOVE ON THE COLA, WHICH IS SIMPLY FULFILLING OUR OBLIGATIONS  
17 UNDER THE CONTRACT, I BELIEVE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I HAD HEARD THAT HER STAFF INDICATED THAT  
20 THEY WANTED THE WHOLE THING CONTINUED.

21

22 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THAT'S-- MARTHA IS JUST SAYING THAT  
23 BEHIND YOU, I THINK.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** WANTED THE WHOLE THING CONTINUED.



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2 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** HER STAFF IS INDICATING SHE WANTED THE WHOLE  
3 ITEM CONTINUED, IS THAT RIGHT, MARTHA?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO LET ME UNDERSTAND. THE FIRST  
6 PIECE OF THIS IS SIMPLY THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR  
7 THEIR EMPLOYEES?

8

9 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE WE CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO  
12 DO THAT? I BELIEVE IT WAS PART OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT THAT  
13 THEY GET AN ANNUAL COST OF LIVING. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
14 THERE'S A DATE CERTAIN.

15

16 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** I'M NOT SURE THERE'S A DATE. THEY HAVE NOT HAD  
17 ONE, ACCORDING TO THIS, SINCE 2005 WAS THE LAST.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS. SO IF WE  
20 CONTINUE THE COST OF LIVING, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE COST OF  
21 LIVING ADJUSTMENT, IF WE APPROVED IT TODAY, WOULD BE EFFECTIVE  
22 TODAY.

23

24 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. IT IS NOT RETROACTIVE.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS NOT RETROACTIVE. IF WE  
2   CONTINUE IT ANOTHER WEEK, IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE PRESUMABLY NEXT  
3   WEEK.

4  
5   **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** OR YOU COULD MAKE-- PRESUMABLY, YOU COULD MAKE  
6   THE DECISION TO HAVE IT EFFECTIVE TODAY SHOULD YOU APPROVE IT  
7   NEXT WEEK.

8  
9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE SURE IS  
10   THAT WE DON'T HAVE A ARGUMENT ABOUT RETROACTIVITY NEXT WEEK  
11   BECAUSE EVERY WEEK WE CONTINUE THIS, IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO  
12   HAVE RETROACTIVITY, WE'RE ONLY PUNISHING THE WORKERS AT THE 2-  
13   1-1 OPERATION.

14  
15   **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. WELL, THAT'S A BOARD POLICY. SO, IF YOU  
16   SAY TODAY IT'S NOT AN ISSUE, IT'S NOT AN ISSUE.

17  
18   **SUP. KNABE:** I'M FINE WITH THAT.

19  
20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT WE  
21   CONTINUE IT WITH THE PROVISO THAT, WHEN WE APPROVE-- WHENEVER  
22   WE APPROVE THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEES,  
23   THAT IT WOULD BE RETROACTIVE TO JULY THE 15TH-- 16TH, WHICH IS  
24   MONDAY.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

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3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE  
4   THE ORDER. SO THE ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED WITH THAT PROVISIO.  
5   ALL RIGHT. ITEM 23? DON, YOU HELD IT.

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7   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I HAD SOME QUESTIONS, PLEASE.

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9   **CHERYL SPILLER:** I'M CHERYL SPILLER, CHIEF DEPUTY FOR D.P.S.S.

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11   **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST, AGAIN, I MEAN, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
12   EFFORT AND THE SELECTION PROCESS AND THAT WHOLE THING. MY  
13   NUMBER ONE QUESTION IS JUST, YOU KNOW, TO CLARIFY WHAT THE  
14   DEPARTMENT'S DOING TO MITIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF FRAUD.

15

16   **CHERYL SPILLER:** WELL, WE HAVE THE STANDARD MEASURES IN PLACE  
17   FOR THIS CONTRACT. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'LL BE DOING IS THAT WE  
18   DO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR THE C.B.O.S. WE DO THE LIVE  
19   SCAN FOR ALL THE STAFF, INCLUDING ANY VOLUNTEERS. WE HAVE A  
20   CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT. THE APPLICATIONS THAT ARE TAKEN IN  
21   THE-- BY THE C.B.O.S ARE PROCESSED IN OUR DISTRICT OFFICES BY  
22   ELIGIBILITY WORKERS AND SO EACH OFFICE WILL HAVE A LIAISON  
23   THAT WILL ACCEPT THOSE APPLICATIONS. THEY WILL BE REVIEWED.  
24   ELIGIBILITY WORKERS HAVE TO STILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION. THEY  
25   DO VERIFICATION OF ALL THE INFORMATION, THE INCOME, RESOURCES,





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1 CITIZENSHIP, IDENTIFICATION; AND WE ALSO STILL REQUIRE THE  
2 FINGER IMAGING FOR EVERY APPLICANT. AND THE C.B.O.S WILL NOT  
3 BE PAID UNTIL THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED AND IT'S NOT  
4 APPROVED UNTIL WE GO THROUGH ALL OF THOSE PROCESSES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THERE WILL BE, LIKE, POINT PEOPLE WITHIN YOUR  
7 DEPARTMENT THAT OVERSEES THE APPLICATIONS AND APPROVES AND  
8 THAT PROCESS STILL HAS TO TAKE PLACE...

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10 **CHERYL SPILLER:** CORRECT.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** THE OTHER ISSUE IS THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. YOU KNOW,  
13 I READ THAT YOU'RE DOING SOME ACTIVITIES WITH COVINA SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICT. ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO ADDITIONAL OUTREACH, A, WITH  
15 OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS LIKE THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICTS AND SOME OF THE LARGE ONES?

17

18 **CHERYL SPILLER:** ACTUALLY, I THINK THE PROJECT THAT YOU'RE  
19 REFERRING TO IS A SEPARATE ISSUE WHERE THE COVINA SCHOOL  
20 DISTRICT, WE SUBMITTED FLIERS OR THEY DISTRIBUTED FLIERS TO  
21 HELP WITH THEIR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND I THINK LONG BEACH  
22 IS ALREADY COVERED. SOME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHAT WE DO  
23 IS A DIRECT CERTIFICATION WHERE WE TELL THEM WHICH OF THEIR  
24 CHILDREN FIT BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE THE  
25 SCHOOL MEALS. COVINA HAD A LOW PARTICIPATION RATE AND SO WE--



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1 THEY SENT OUT FLIERS TO HOUSEHOLDS BUT LONG BEACH IS ALREADY  
2 PARTICIPATING IN THAT PROGRAM.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS, MR. CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE  
7 US. KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM NUMBER  
8 23 IS APPROVED. 76?

9

10 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** ST. FRANCIS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY  
13 DISCUSSION? DR. CLAVREUL? MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WANTS TO BE  
14 HEARD ON THIS? DO YOU WANT TO BE HEARD ON 76? PASS, OKAY,  
15 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, I'VE HAD MY QUESTIONS MORE OR LESS  
16 ANSWERED. I HELD IT LAST WEEK. DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY  
17 QUESTIONS? IF NOT, BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS, UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
18 WE'VE DONE 77, CORRECT? C.S.-3, WE HAD SOMEBODY THAT WANTED TO  
19 BE HEARD ON C.S.-3. DR. CLAVREUL? DR. CLAVREUL, DO YOU WANT TO  
20 BE HEARD? SHE PASSES. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR? I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE FOR ADJOURNING MOTIONS

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** FIRST OF ALL, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
2    MR. JOHN STIRRAT. JOHN WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND  
3    FRIENDS. HE PASSED AWAY AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
4    HIS BROTHER, BRIAN, WHO IS A GOOD FRIEND AND HIS TWO  
5    DAUGHTERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SYLVIA ENGLANDER,  
6    BELOVED MOTHER OF MY GOOD FRIEND AND CAMPAIGN MANAGER, HARVEY,  
7    WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SYLVIA GAVE MUCH TO THE COMMUNITY  
8    AND HAD REMARKABLE STRENGTH THROUGHOUT HER LIFETIME. SHE IS  
9    SURVIVED BY HER SON, HARVEY, AND GRANDSONS, ADAM AND JOSH. SHE  
10   WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LOU  
11   GARCIA. LOU IS, I JUST TALKED TO HIM A FEW MONTHS AGO, HE'S A  
12   FORMER REDONDO BEACH CITY MANAGER WHO IMPROVED MORALE AND RE-  
13   TOOLED THE BUDGET AND STEERED THE CITY THROUGH SOME VERY  
14   AMBITIOUS BUT ULTIMATELY UNSUCCESSFUL HARBOR REVITALIZATION  
15   PLAN. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. ON JULY 1ST, HE WAS  
16   NAMED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDONDO BEACH CHAMBER  
17   AND WAS ALSO INVOLVED AT EL CAMINO COLLEGE, WHERE HE SERVED ON  
18   THE FOUNDATION BOARD AND THE BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. HE IS  
19   SURVIVED BY HIS SON, MICHAEL, DAUGHTER, CHRISTINE, HIS MOTHER,  
20   MAGDALENE, TWO SISTERS, CATHY AND MARYANN, A BROTHER, JERRY,  
21   AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE  
22   AN ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HARRY SAIKI, A RESIDENT OF WIALUA,  
23   HAWAII WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY EIGHTH. HE WAS 91 YEARS OLD. HE  
24   IS SURVIVED BY SON, RAYMOND, DAUGHTERS, MARY JANE, LORRAINE,  
25   CAROL AND RENEE, HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, 11 GRANDCHILDREN



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1 AND FIVE GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN AND THE FATHER OF A DEAR FRIEND,  
2 MARY JANE, AND HER HUSBAND. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
3 MARY VITALE OF CERRITOS WHO PASSED AWAY AT 67. SHE WAS VERY  
4 INVOLVED WITH THE ST. BERNARD CHURCH AND HER MOST RECENT  
5 POSITION WAS LIBRARIAN AT THE SCHOOL. SHE WILL BE SOLELY  
6 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HUSBAND,  
7 WILLIAM, CHILDREN, MARIA, THOMAS AND JOHN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN,  
8 FOUR BROTHERS AND THREE SISTERS. AND THOSE ARE MY  
9 ADJOURNMENTS.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON  
12 THOSE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MY HELD ITEMS HAVE BEEN COVERED, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WANT TO  
17 BE HEARD ON PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL CALL THREE OF YOU AT A  
18 TIME. CORNELIA HOFFMAN, IS SHE HERE? COME ON DOWN. DORA  
19 RAMIREZ? AND GARY BARNETT? MR. BARNETT, COME ON DOWN. MS.  
20 HOFFMAN?

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22 **CORNELIA HOFFMAN:** YES.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE UP FIRST.

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1   **CORNELIA HOFFMAN:** OKAY. MY NAME IS CORNELIA HOFFMAN. I HAVE  
2   BEEN INFECTED WITH MORGELLONS DISEASE FOR THE LAST SEVEN  
3   YEARS. AND I HAVE BEEN TO 11 HOSPITALS, PRIVATE  
4   DERMATOLOGISTS, INTERNAL MEDICINES AND HOLISTIC DOCTORS TO GET  
5   HELP. I HAVE BEEN DENIED, INSTEAD. CURRENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN  
6   ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE IN THE U.S. WHO ARE INFECTED. GLOBALLY,  
7   THERE'S ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE DAILY. IT IS A WORLDWIDE THREAT.  
8   BEVERLY HILLS IS KNOWN FOR A HIGH INCIDENCE OF OLD PIPE  
9   LEAKAGE AND THEREFORE WOULD BE A HIGH RISK OF MORGELLONS  
10  INFECTED AREAS. SCIENTISTS HAVE FOUND THAT THE NANO MACHINE IS  
11  ASSOCIATED WITH MORGELLONS DISORDER CONTINUES TO  
12  \_\_\_\_\_ IN PETROLEUM AREAS. AS EARLY AS 22 YEARS,  
13  PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM THIS ILLNESS CALLED  
14  MORGELLONS, WHICH IS EMBEDDED DEEP IN YOUR SKIN. IT FEELS LIKE  
15  A THORN SURROUNDED BY ACID. IT IS CONSIDERED THE FIFTH PLAGUE  
16  OF OUR TIMES. JUST IMAGINE, GOD FORBID, THIS COULD BE YOU OR  
17  YOUR FATHER OR YOUR DAUGHTER SUFFERING FROM THIS. WE CAN NO  
18  LONGER IGNORE THIS ISSUE. IT IS NOW A WORLDWIDE THREAT.  
19  INSTEAD, IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE TO  
20  SAVE OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. I HAVE ALSO TO SHOW YOU. PLEASE  
21  CONTACT US. DO YOU SEE THIS? MORGELLONS RESEARCH COMMUNITY OF  
22  I.E.I.A., WHICH IS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INTELLIGENCE  
23  ASSOCIATION. YOU CAN CALL SHOSHONA AT 319 AREA CODE 895-4097  
24  OR DR. HILAGARD STANAGER AT 213 AREA CODE 382-2786 PLEASE FOR



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1 DONATIONS. WE NEED HELP WITH OUR RESEARCH. AND ALSO DORA'S  
2 DAUGHTER, ANNA WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING, TOO.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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6 **ANNA RAMIREZ:** ANNA.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANNA, OKAY.

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10 **ANNA RAMIREZ:** CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE SICK. MY MOMMY IS, TOO.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ANNA. DORA RAMIREZ?

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14 **DORA RAMIREZ:** I AM HERE TO SPEAK BECAUSE I HAVE SEWER  
15 CONTAMINATION IN MY HOME. I BELIEVE IT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF  
16 SEWER FLUSHING DIRECTLY ABOVE MY HOME, WHICH CAUSED THE PIPE  
17 TO BREAK. CONSEQUENTLY, I WAS EXPOSED TO SEWER PATHOGENS WHILE  
18 TAKING A SHOWER. I HAVE SUFFERED TWO YEARS OF ILLNESS, WHICH  
19 CONTINUES UNRESOLVED AT THIS TIME. I HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED BY AN  
20 M.D. FROM BERKELEY AS HAVING MORGELLONS. IT CAUSED ME TO MOVE  
21 FROM MY RESIDENCE FOR A PROLONG PERIOD OF TIME EVENTUALLY  
22 FORCING ME TO SELL THE HOUSE, WHICH WAS UNINHABITABLE AT THE  
23 TIME. I AM HERE SO THAT SEWER AND MAINTENANCE ACCEPTS  
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEWER THAT OVERFLOWED AND FLOODED MY HOUSE  
25 AND MADE ME VERY ILL AND CAUSED MY ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS,



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1 LOSS OF MY HOME. AND I THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN  
2 TO ME AND ESPECIALLY I WANT TO THANK JOE MATTHEWS FROM MR.  
3 KNABE WHO HAS PERSONALLY-- HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO PERSONALLY  
4 HELP ME IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT CLAIM, WHICH I'M HAVING A HARD  
5 TIME WITH SEWER AND MAINTENANCE ACCEPTING ANY KIND OF  
6 RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND I GUESS THEY HAVE  
7 IMMUNITY AND SO THEY WANT TO, EVEN THOUGH MAYBE THEY WERE  
8 RESPONSIBLE, WHY ARE THEY LIABLE IF THEY DIDN'T KNOW? WHICH  
9 SEEMS VERY UNFAIR TO ME BECAUSE BOTH MY DAUGHTER AND I HAVE  
10 THIS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HER. AND HER FIRST CLAIM  
13 WAS DENIED. SHE HAS RESUBMITTED, AS I UNDERSTAND, AND WE'LL BE  
14 TALKING TO BOTH PUBLIC WORKS AS WELL AS PUBLIC HEALTH IN  
15 REGARDS TO THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE BECAUSE THIS IS NEW  
16 INFORMATION TO US.

17

18 **DORA RAMIREZ:** AND I DO WANT TO THANK JOE MATTHEWS BECAUSE HE  
19 REALLY HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO WORK THIS. AND I DO BELIEVE THIS  
20 TIME HE'S GOING TO HELP. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. I RECEIVED  
21 FROM L.A. COUNTY A DENIAL AGAIN AND I'M HAVING A REALLY HARD  
22 TIME WITH THE CLAIM ADJUSTER MARK MULLEN. HE'S VERY RUDE. HE  
23 HANGS UP ON ME AND HE'S NOT HELPING. HE SAYS I DON'T HAVE A  
24 CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL LOOK AT IT FOR YOU. YOU TALKED TO RICK  
2   ALREADY AND WE'LL FOLLOW UP WITH YOU, HAVE JOE FOLLOW UP AS  
3   WELL.

4

5   **DORA RAMIREZ:** AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH ME  
6   PERSONALLY ON THIS.

7

8   **CORNELIA HOFFMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE:** IS THIS FROM OIL COMPANIES?

11

12   **SUP. KNABE:** PUBLIC WORKS.

13

14   **DORA RAMIREZ:** I GAVE INFORMATION TO YOU GUYS LAST WEEK.  
15   BERKELEY CITY MAYOR, HE ACTUALLY ALREADY ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE,  
16   AN ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE. I DID LEAVE INFORMATION FOR ALL OF  
17   YOU LAST WEEK. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE YOU GUYS ALSO ADOPT  
18   THE SAME KIND OF-- IT INVOLVES NANOTECHNOLOGY AND IT'S FOUND  
19   IN SEWERS. YEAH, IT'S IN SEWERS. IT'S WITH NANO FIBERS. I DID  
20   GIVE YOU GUYS A LOT OF INFORMATION FOR REVIEW.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. ESPECIALLY  
25   ANNA, WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE HER HERE.



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2 **DORA RAMIREZ:** SHE DID A GOOD JOB, DIDN'T HE?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SHE DID. GLAD TO HAVE HER  
5 HERE. TOO BAD SHE WASN'T HERE LAST WEEK, WE COULD HAVE HIRED  
6 HER AS A C.E.O. SHORT AND TO THE POINT. MR. BARNETT, BEFORE  
7 YOU START, LET ME ASK SARAH ABRAMSON AND HUGH SCHURTZ TO COME  
8 DOWN, TOO. MR. BARNETT? YOU'RE ON, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **GARY BARNETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
11 GARY BARNETT. I WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON  
12 VERMONT. I'M A MENTAL HEALTH PEER ADVOCATE. I JUST WANT TO  
13 BRING YOU GUYS SOME PAPERWORK. MAYBE YOU COULD LOOK INTO IT  
14 AND SEE IF WE COULD DO SOME ACTION ON THIS BECAUSE WHAT THEY  
15 DID WAS ILLEGAL OF MY HOURS AND MY JOB. NO VACATION, NO SICK  
16 LEAVE OR NOTHING WHATSOEVER. THEY KEPT ME ON FOR 13 MONTHS. SO  
17 THAT IS ALSO ILLEGAL TO DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HAVE THE C.E.O. LOOK INTO  
20 THIS FOR YOU BECAUSE THEY REALLY WANT TO ROLL THEIR SLEEVES UP  
21 AND GET TO WORK. I'LL GIVE YOU THE INFORMATION.

22

23 **GARY BARNETT:** I ALSO WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW ON THAT PAPERWORK  
24 I DID FILE WITH THE E.E.O.C. AS WELL. THERE IS A CHARGE NUMBER  
25 ON IT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS YOUR INFORMATION ON HERE WHERE  
3 TO REACH YOU?

4

5 **GARY BARNETT:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. BARNETT, WE'LL LOOK INTO  
8 IT AND GET YOU AN ANSWER. MS. ABRAMSON.

9

10 **SARAH ABRAMSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
11 COMMENT. MY NAME IS SARAH ABRAMSON. I'M A SCIENTIST WITH HEAL  
12 THE BAY. I ACTUALLY CAME DOWN HERE IN HOPES TO HEAR ITEM 7  
13 TODAY SO I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT WAS CONTINUED ON TO  
14 THE NEXT MEETING BUT I DO URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS ITEM  
15 SOON. HEAL THE BAY STRONGLY SUPPORTS S.C.A. 12 AND WE REALLY  
16 ARE LOOKING TO THE COUNTY AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORTING  
17 THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AS WELL. IT WILL ALLOW LOCAL  
18 GOVERNMENT FLEXIBILITY TO INCREASE FEES ON STORM WATER AND  
19 FLOOD CONTROL AND IT'S CRITICAL TO PROTECTING LIFE, PROPERTY,  
20 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT. IT'S ALREADY GONE THROUGH  
21 TWO COMMITTEES. IT'S GOING TO BE GOING ONTO THE SENATE FLOOR  
22 SOON AND ANY WAY THAT THE COUNTY CAN SUPPORT WOULD BE  
23 WONDERFUL. SO WE HOPE THAT YOU TAKE THIS UP SOON.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL TAKE IT UP NEXT WEEK. NEXT  
2   TUESDAY. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. MR. SCHURTZ.

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4   **HUGH SCHURTZ:** HI, I'M HUGH SCHURTZ. FIRST OFF, I APPRECIATE  
5   THE ATTENTION THIS MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT  
6   SUCCESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL  
7   RESTITUTION, PENAL CODE 1202.4.1214. HOWEVER, DESPITE YOUR  
8   EFFORT AND THE EFFORT OF MAYOR, I CALL HIM MAYOR ANTONOVICH  
9   BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY STILL HAS NOT  
10   ENGAGED IN THIS AND EVEN COUNTY COUNSEL HAS ASKED STEVEN  
11   COOLEY TO ASSIST ON THIS AND ROBERT TAYLOR OF THE PROBATION  
12   DEPARTMENT HAVE NOT WORKED ON THIS YET. THIS WAS AWARDED IN  
13   1995. IT WAS ACTUALLY '94. SO I'VE BEEN GOING 13 YEARS. THE  
14   CRIMINAL NOW, THE ESTATE OF THE CRIMINAL, THE CRIMINAL HAS NOW  
15   DIED, THANK GOD, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT BECAUSE I WAS  
16   SHOT AND THIS WAS NOT SOMEONE I KNEW, HAD THE MONEY THE ENTIRE  
17   TIME. THE ESTATE HAS THE MONEY NOW BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE  
18   STILL NOT GETTING IT DONE CORRECTLY. STEVEN COOLEY ONLY HAD TO  
19   FOLLOW THE LAW AND FILE WHAT IS CALLED A FORM C.R.-110 J.V.-  
20   790. HE WAS THE MANAGER OF THE NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT AND  
21   PERSONALLY SUPERVISED MY CASE. HE ACCEPTED A PLEA BARGAIN.  
22   THIS WAS IN 1994. HE SAID THAT HE DID IT BECAUSE THEY HAD  
23   SPENT TOO MUCH MONEY ON THE O.J. SIMPSON CASE AND COULD NOT DO  
24   IT. IT WAS BELOW THE MINIMUM SENTENCING LEVEL BECAUSE THIS WAS  
25   HANDGUN ENHANCEMENT. THE PERSON SERVED LESS THAN A YEAR IN



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1 JAIL AND-- EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A STRIKE. FOR 13 YEARS, I HAVE  
2 ASKED THE COUNTY TO DO WHAT THE LEGISLATURE REQUIRES. THE  
3 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND SANTA CLARA HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR  
4 20 YEARS SINCE THIS LAW WAS ENACTED IN 1965. OUR NEIGHBORING  
5 COUNTIES, VENTURA AND ORANGE COUNTY, HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR  
6 OVER 10 YEARS, VERY SUCCESSFULLY. I DON'T KNOW WHY STEVEN  
7 COOLEY STILL DOES NOT DO THIS JOB. THEY OPENED THEIR OFFICE IN  
8 2005. THEY REFUSED TO WORK ON ANY OLD CASES. THEY WILL WORK ON  
9 THE NEW CASES AND THEY ALSO WORKED ON THE JESSIE JAMES  
10 HOLLYWOOD BECAUSE IT'S A FAMOUS CASE BUT THEY WILL NOT WORK ON  
11 ANY VICTIMS OF CRIME RESTITUTION CASES THAT ARE OLD. SUSANNE  
12 CHILDS OF THE D.A. IS CHARGED WITH TRAINING JUDGES YET THE  
13 L.A. COUNTY HAS NOT TAUGHT THE CIVIL JUDGES IN CHATSWORTH  
14 REGARDING PENAL CODE 1214, 1202.4 AND PENAL CODE 155.5. THEY  
15 HAVE NOT MADE EMPHASIS OF THE FISHER CASE WHERE ORDERS FOR  
16 CRIMINAL RESTITUTION ARE NON-APPEALABLE AND THE DIXON CASE  
17 WHERE RESTITUTION FOLLOWS THE ESTATE OF THE CRIMINAL, WHICH  
18 FOLLOWS PROBATE CODE 13554 A, B, AND C. THE LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY, I'M GOING TO GO OVER MY TIME AND I APOLOGIZE, YOU  
20 KNOW, THE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT BEING FOLLOWED STILL TO THIS DAY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

23

24 **HUGH SCHURTZ:** AND I DON'T KNOW WHY WE CAN'T GET IT DONE. IT'S  
25 NOT THAT HARD.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TIME IS UP. UNFORTUNATELY, THE  
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY-- UNFORTUNATELY, IN YOUR CASE, THE DISTRICT  
4 ATTORNEY IS AN INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED OFFICER. AND IT'S  
5 TOTALLY, I ASSUME, WAS TOTALLY WITHIN HIS DISCRETION ON THESE  
6 KIND OF ISSUES, IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **HUGH SCHURTZ:** NO, IT'S NOT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S NOT? YOU'RE SHAKING YOUR  
11 HEAD, RAY? YOU DON'T KNOW OR NO, IT IS WITHIN HIS DISTRICT.

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT IS OUTSIDE OF THE  
14 D.A.'S DISCRETION BUT I DON'T KNOW TO A CERTAINTY ABOUT SOME  
15 OF THESE SECTIONS THAT ARE BEING REFERRED TO HERE. WE NEED TO  
16 LOOK AT IT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PERHAPS YOU CAN GET HIS  
19 INFORMATION AND FORWARD IT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
20 AND HAVE SOMEBODY GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU FROM THE DISTRICT  
21 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BECAUSE WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO  
22 ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WE'LL FOLLOW THROUGH ON IT.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO MR. FORTNER  
2   HERE. APPRECIATE IT MR. SCHURTZ. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING? WE HAVE  
3   ONE ITEM?

4

5   **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** C.S.-1 AND 5. 1 IS A CLAIM AND 5 IS A  
6   PRESENTATION BY DR. FIELDING.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 2, 3 AND 4 ARE BEING CONTINUED?

9

10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 2, 3 AND 4 ARE BEING CONTINUED?

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12   **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** OH, ONE OF THEM IS. 1, I THINK, IS GOING TO BE  
13   TAKEN OFF CALENDAR AND THE LITIGATION ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.  
14   C.S.-4 WILL BE CONTINUED. C.S.-2 AND C.S.-3 I THINK ARE BEING  
15   TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

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17   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** C.S.-4 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK?

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19   **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

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21   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN C.S.-2 AND 3 ARE BEING TAKEN OFF  
22   CALENDAR?

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24   **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND. SO C.S.-2?

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3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

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5    **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** K.D.A. AND M.L.K. OFF CALENDAR. AND C.S.-4 ONE  
6    WEEK.

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8    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ONE WEEK?

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10    **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

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12    **SUP. KNABE:** WHY ARE WE TAKING M.L.K. OFF THE CALENDAR? I  
13    THOUGHT WE AGREED TO KEEP THAT ON IN CASE WE NEEDED IT?

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15    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S FINE.

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17    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S A CONTINUING.

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19    **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** OH, IT IS CONTINUING. OH, YEAH, KEEP IT ON,  
20    THEN.

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22    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** C.S.-4.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION,  
2   I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SHARON HARPER FOR A SECOND. SHE WANTED TO  
3   BE RECOGNIZED. COME OVER HERE.

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5   **SUP. KNABE:** AGAIN?

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7   **SHARON HARPER:** AGAIN. NO, WE JUST HAVE A PRACTICE IN THE  
8   C.A.O.'S OFFICE OF OUR EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND WE WANTED TO  
9   RECOGNIZE AN OUTSTANDING LEADER FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
10   OFFICE/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND THAT'S DAVID JANSSEN. SO,  
11   ON BEHALF OF ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES, UNANIMOUS DECISION THAT WE  
12   HAVE AN OUTSTANDING LEADER, I WANTED TO PRESENT THIS TO DAVID  
13   JANSSEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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15   **SUP. KNABE:** DIDN'T WE GET AN ANONYMOUS LETTER IN REGARD TO  
16   THIS AWARD? I'M NOT SURE IT WAS UNANIMOUS.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT WAS UNANIMOUS? EVEN JAN  
19   TOCCATA? JAN TOCCATA FOUND THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THAT PLAQUE.  
20   WE ALREADY DID OUR THING FOR YOU, SO WE'RE REALLY NOT ANXIOUS  
21   TO REPLAY THAT WHOLE THING AGAIN BUT WE CAN REPLAY IT BECAUSE  
22   IT'S ON TAPE THANKS TO THE BOARD'S POLICY OF TRANSPARENCY BUT  
23   THIS IS YOUR LAST MEETING WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO BE SITTING IN  
24   THAT SEAT. YOU'RE GOING TO STILL BE WITH US IN A TRANSITIONAL  
25   CAPACITY HELPING THE NEW C.E.O. FOR A FEW WEEKS AND WE'LL SEE



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1 YOU AROUND BUT WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, I KNOW WE  
2 ALL DO, JUST TO REITERATE WHAT A GREAT SERVICE YOU HAVE  
3 PROVIDED NOT ONLY TO THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD-- SIX,  
4 ACTUALLY, DEANE DANA WAS HERE BEFORE DON, SIX BOARD MEMBERS  
5 WHO RELIED ON YOU EXTENSIVELY BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO THE  
6 ALMOST-- WELL, IT'S NOW OVER 100,000 EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY,  
7 TO THE OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY, MOST OF WHOM  
8 THINK YOU'RE AN ACTOR WHO PLAYED "THE FUGITIVE", THOSE WHO  
9 WERE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THAT SHOW BUT WHO HAVE BENEFITED  
10 FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP REALLY ON SO MANY WAYS. YOU'VE BEEN A MAN  
11 FOR ALL SEASONS AND THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION IS THAT YOUR PAIR  
12 OF SHOES ARE GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FILL AND I THINK THAT  
13 THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. YOU'RE ONE OF A KIND AND IT'S  
14 BEEN A PRIVILEGE FOR ALL OF US TO WORK WITH YOU AND LEARN FROM  
15 YOU, TEACH YOU A FEW THINGS BUT, REALLY, TO WORK WITH YOU.  
16 YOU'VE BEEN A COLLEAGUE AND A A1 PROFESSIONAL. SO THANK YOU. [  
17 APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST HAVE TO SAY ONE THING. I WAS BACK AT MAACO  
20 THIS LAST WEEKEND AND I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE REMARKS  
21 THAT PEOPLE WERE MAKING ABOUT THE IMPACT YOU'VE HAD AND THE  
22 STATUS THAT YOU'VE GIVEN TO C.A.O.S AND C.E.O.S AND A GREAT  
23 SENSE OF PRIDE THROUGHOUT THE NATION OF THE KIND OF ROLE THAT  
24 YOU PLAY AND A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. SO I WANT  
25 TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND REALLY BEST WISHES.



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2 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **C.E.O. JANSSEN:** NOW JUST BRIEFLY. IT HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE  
5 HONOR AND PLEASURE TO WORK FOR THE FIVE OF YOU AND DEANE AND  
6 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR ALMOST 11 YEARS. I WOULDN'T  
7 CHANGE IT FOR ANYTHING. IT WAS EASIER IN JANUARY BECAUSE I  
8 KNEW I WAS STAYING. NOW THAT I'M ACTUALLY LEAVING, IT'S REALLY  
9 HARD AND IT'S A LOT HARDER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. SO  
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. IT'S BEEN A GREAT  
11 EXPERIENCE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
16 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
17 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1, CONFERENCES  
18 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM  
19 C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
20 HEALTH AND RELATED EMERGENCY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES  
21 REGARDING POTENTIAL THREATS TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES  
22 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1                               **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

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6       There was no reportable action on item CS-1. In open session,  
7       the Board took item CS-2 off calendar.

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